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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

MOUNT VERNON CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH,
1911.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND P. O.

Abernethy, R. B., ... Hilderbrand, N. C.
Hudson, A., ... Hilderbrand, N. C.
Hull, W. F., ... Dysartsville, N. C.
Mull, W. B., ... Connelly Springs, N. C.
Queen, C., ... Casar, N. C.

LICENTIATE

J. T. Stallings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L. H. Bumgardner. F. J. Leatherman.
W. E. Ledford.

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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 2, 1911.

The South Mountain Baptist Association met at Mt. Vernon Baptist church the 2nd day of November, 1911, in its first annual session. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Gwaltney from Matthew 25th chapter and 31st and 32nd verses.

On motion recess for one hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association met with prayer by Rev. W. B. Mull. On motion of Rev. W. F. Hull to appoint Rev. W. B. Mull Moderator temporary, and F. J. Leatherman Clerk, temporary. On motion of Rev. W. F. Hull to appoint a committee of five on Constitution, the Moderator appointed Rev. W. F. Hull, R. B. Abernethy, Rev. Cicero Queen, Rev. Amos Swink and W. C. Ledford.

An invitation was given to visitors and the following were received: Rev. C. A. Caldwell, from South Fork Association; Rev. J. S. Gwaltney, from the Caldwell Association, and Brother W. C. Mullen, from the South Fork Association. The committee on Constitution and Rules of Order reported. After some remarks, the Association was named South Mountain Association, and the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Catawba River Association were accepted as the Constitution and Rules of this Association. The Moderator appointed Rev. A. C. Caldwell and Brother J. G. Leatherman as Reading Clerks. Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Beulah Church—Delegate, Pink Tallent.

Bethany—Rev. R. B. Abernethy.

Corinth—

Hull's Grove—W. A. Lackey, D. A. Hull, W. P. Brendle, R. G. Taylor, J. H. Brendle.

Mount Vernon—P. M. Leatherman, M. R. Willis, L. H. Blanton, S. J. Nogle, J. G. Leatherman.

Mountain View—J. T. Stallings, J. P. Heaton.

Mount Gillead—Rev. Amos Swink, Fanzo, Shoup, J. D. Wellman, Samuel Tallent.

Mull's Chapel—W. P. Rhoney, W. L. Rhoney.

Olive Grove—D. D. Cook, David Wortman, F. R. Ledford, W. S. Johnson.

Pisgah—L. H. Bumgardner, Ezra Pruett, Julius Parker, J. C. Costner, John Davis.

Shoup's Grove—Not represented.

Wilkie's Grove—A. Hudson.

Zion Hill—W. B. Mull, W. E. Ledford, J. N. Gales, J. V. Proctor, J. Z. Mitchum, W. K. Ramsey, Elbert Propst.

On motion to elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot and count taken showed that Rev. W. B. Mull was elected Moderator and F. J. Leatherman Clerk.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw representing State Missions, and Rev. C. W. Irvin from Caldwell Association. The Moderator appointed a committee on Arrangements: Rev. W. F. Hull, W. P. Brendle and Jesse Tallent. The Moderator appointed pastor and deacons, with P. M. Leatherman, added a committee on Religious Exercises, then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw preached at 7:30 P. M.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9 A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. The Moderator called the body to order. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The various committees were appointed as follows:

Home Missions—Rev. A. P. Bumgardner, J. Z. Mitchum, Rev. Amos Swink.

Foreign Missions—Rev. W. F. Hull, M. M. Jones, L. H. Blanton.

State of Churches—L. H. Bumgardner, John Davis, Jesse Tallent.

Temperance—Rev. Amos Swink, Samuel Tallent, M. R. Willis.

Education—J. G. Leatherman, S. J. Nogle, W. K. Ramsey.

Periodicals—Rev. C. A. Caldwell, Rev. J. S. Gwaltney, J. C. Costner.

Sabbath Schools—W. P. Brendle, J. D. Wellman, Ezra Pruett.

Time and Place—W. P. Rhoney, P. M. Leatherman, D. D. Cook, Pink Tallent, J. D. Wellman.

Obituary—Rev. J. S. Gwaltney, Julius Parker, S. J. Nogle.

Ministerial Relief—R. B. Abernethy, W. A. Lackey, W. S. Johnson.

Orphanage—Rev J. S. Gwaltney, W. E. Ledford, J. T. Stallings.

State Missions—Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, N. H. Parker, J. G. Leatherman.

The Report on Temperance was read and discussed by Revs. W. F. Hull, J. S. Gwaltney, W. R. Bradshaw, C. M. Irvin, R. B. Abernethy, W. B. Mull and C. A. Caldwell. On motion the Report was adopted. Then an invitation to visitors was extended, also an invitation to newly constituted churches. Smith Chapel and Fellowship presented letters with their articles of faith. The Moderator appointed Rev. W. F. Hull, W. P. Rhoney and D. D. Cook a commit-

tee on orthodox, upon their report the churches were received into the body.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw read report on State Missions, discussed by Revs. W. R. Bradshaw and W. F. Hull. Then pledges were taken as follows:

Bethany	$ 1.00
Hull's Grove	2.00
Mount Vernon	4.00
Mountain View	1.00
Mount Gilead	2.50
Mull's Chapel	1.00
Olive Grove	2.00
Pisgah	5.00
Zion Hill	2.50
Total	$20.00

The report was adopted. Adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Rev. W. F. Hull.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

On motion of Rev. W. F. Hull, L. H. Bumgardner was elected Treasurer of this Association. A written request was handed in to re-consider the name of the Association. On motion of Rev. W. F. Hull, a ballot was taken which resulted in the change of name to South Mountain Association. The Moderator called for the report on Time and Place. The committee reported Olive Grove the place to hold the next session, and Rev. W. F. Hull to preach the sermon and Thursday after the fourth Sunday in October the time.

Then Rev. C. A. Caldwell read report on Periodicals, was discussed by Revs. C. A. Caldwell, J. S. Gwaltney and W. F. Hull. Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed F. J. Leatherman a member of the State Mission Board. On motion, Rev. W. F, Hull was elected a delegate to the State Convention. Rev. R. B. Abernethy read report on Old Ministers' Relief, was discussed by Revs. R. B. Abernethy, W. F. Hull and C. A. Caldwell. Pledges were taken as follows:

Bethany	$ .50
Hull's Grove	.50
Mount Vernon	1.00
Mount Gilead	.50
Mull's Chapel	.50
Zion	1.00
Smith Chapel	.50
Fellowship	1.00
Olive Grove	.50
Pisgah	1.00
Zion Hill	1.00
Total	$8.00

On motion the report was adopted. Then adjourned until tomorrow at 9 A. M. Prayer by Rev. W. F. Hull.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9 A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. B. Abernethy. The Moderator called the body to order, and then called for the Report on Education. Report on Education was read and discussed by Revs. W. F. Hull and R. B. Abernethy. Report adopted and then the Moderator called for Report on Pastoral Support, was read by Rev. W. F. Hull and discussed by Revs. W. F. Hull, J. S. Gwaltney, W. B. Mull and Brother W. P. Brendle. Report adopted. Moderator called for Report on Orphanage. Report was read by Rev. W. F. Hull and discussed by Revs. W. F. Hull, J. S. Gwaltney, R. B. Abernethy, W. B. Mull and Brother W. P. Brendle, and pledges were taken as follows:

Beulah	$ 1.00
Bethany	2.00
Corinth	2.00
Hull's Grove	5.00
Mountain View	1.00
Mount Vernon	3.00
Mount Gilead	2.00
Mull's Chapel	2.00
Olive Grove	3.00
Pisgah	10.00
Shoup's Grove	1.00
Zion	1.00
Zion Hill	5.00
Fellowship	1.00
Smith Chapel	1.00
Holly Brook	1.00
Total	$41.00

Then individual pledges were taken as follows: J. H. Brendle, $1.00; Miss Minnie Baker, 50 cents; Mrs. M. J. Hoyle, 50 cents; Mrs. Delia Hull, 50 cents.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. R. B. Abernethy.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing by the choir, Brother W. P. Brendle led in prayer. An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, when Brethren Clarence Ferguson and F. M. Ferguson, of King's Mountain Association, responded and were invited to seats. The Moderator called the body to order. On motion, the Clerk was authorized to

have four hundred Minutes printed. The Moderator called for Report on Foreign Missions, was read by Rev. W. F. Hull and discussed by Revs. W. F. Hull and J. S. Gwaltney. Then a cash collection was taken up for Foreign Missions which amounted to $1.64. Pledges were taken as follows:

Beulah	$ 1.00
Bethany	1.00
Corinth	1.00
Hull's Grove	1.00
Mountain View	1.00
Mount Vernon	2.00
Mount Gilead	1.00
Mull's Chapel	1.00
Olive Grove	1.00
Pisgah	5.00
Shoup's Grove	1.00
Zion	1.00
Zion Hill	2.50
Fellowship	1.00
Smith Chapel	1.00
Holly Brook	1.00
Total	$22.50

Report was adopted. Then Brother W. P. Brendle read Report on Sunday Schools. On motion the discussion was deferred until Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. On motion of Rev. W. F. Hull to elect an Executive Board which resulted, in electing L. H. Bumgardner, F. J. Leatherman and W. E. Ledford. A resolution was offered asking the churches to send no delegates that would not stay during the whole session. On motion a collection was ordered to be taken tomorrow for State Missions. A resolution was read by Rev. W. F. Hull thanking the brethren and sisters and community of Mount Vernon Church in the way and manner they entertained this Association. Then they sang, "How Firm a Foundation," and gave each other their hands. So closes the first session of the South Mountain Association very harmoniously.

Rev. W. B. Mull, Moderator.
F. J. Leatherman, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

3. This Association ought not to have, and shall not have any power to legislate; but may frame rules and devise plans, as an advisory council, for the faithful administration of the law of Christ.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective churches.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of votes required to elect.

6. No person shall be eligible to office who is not a member of this body.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all meetings for business, and the Clerk shall be required to keep or make faithful record of all transactions of the Association, and may act as Treasurer at the request of the Association.

8. Newly constituted churches may be received as constituent members of this body, upon giving saatisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy in the faith and practice.

9. This Constitution may be changed or amended at any time by two-thirds of the members concurring.

10. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates which has fifty members or under, one more delegate for each twenty-five members over fifty.

11. Each ordained minister of this Association in good standing shall be ex-officio member of this body.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting of business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the Moderator or some one whom he may appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Association.

4. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

5. During the hours of business all private conversation, walking across or out of the room, without permission of the Moderator first obtained, shall be considered a breach of order.

6. The delegates' names shall be called every day previous to proceeding to business.

7. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Moderator before debated.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order here arranged: No motion nor proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Association.

11. No member shall absent himself from the service without leave of the Association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the Moderator fail to enforce these rules and regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and may be reminded of his duty by any member present.

14. The Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Redestricting Association, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

15. Also an executive committee, to consist of three persons, and a finance committee of two, to continue for twelve months.

The Order of Business on the meeting of the Association shall be, until the reports of Committee on Arrangements, as follows: Singing and prayer, call letters from churches, elections of Moderator and Clerk, call for churches desiring to unite with this Association, invitation to visiting brethren to sit with Association, invitation to correspondents to sit with Association, appoint Committee on Religious Exercises to act during session of Association, appoint Committee of Arrangements, who shall report morning after opening Association and invite visiting brethren and correspondents.

REPORTS

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We feel grateful to God for the progress that has been made in education. All our institutions are able to report great progress and growth and conditions are favorable for yet larger growth in the future. Our institutions have developed in power and influence as our population has increased. Wake Forest, the head of our institutions in North Carolina, reports this year the largest enrollment in its history and the outlook now is for a great and glorious year with this institution, which means so much for our denomination in this State and for the spread of the gospel in the heathen lands. And Meredith College, for our girls, is just entering upon a career which means much for religious welfare of our State and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God throughout the world. All of the schools have more students this year than ever before and the outlook is indeed encouraging. We heartily recommend these schools to all parents who desire to obtain a christain education for their children and also recommend Maiden and Boiling Springs high schools. We believe it to be the duty of our people to give these schools their undivided support.

J. G. LEATHERMAN,
S. J. NOGLE,
Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Your Committee on Old Ministers' Relief Board beg leave to submit the following report:

Among the many objects we have is our Ministers' Relief, which is among the most important object of our work and should not be overlooked, for if we do not love our brother, whom we have seen, how can we love him whom we have not seen? We do beg every member of our churches to contribute their support to this worthy object.

R. B. ABERNATHY,
W. S. JOHNSON,
W. A. LACKEY,
Submitted.

ASSOCIATIONAL UNION MEETINGS

Dear Brethren: We have lost many opportunities for doing good by failing to keep up our union meetings. As an Association let us keep up this work.

W. F. HULL,
FONZO SHOUP.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, beg leave to submit the following report:

We believe that the failure on the part of the churches in this respect has caused a great draw back, and, as Baptists, should wake on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. HULL,
J. Z. MITCHEM.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We have special rejoicing for the great work of Sunday School which is being done in North Carolina. There is much yet to be done in various places. According to statistics, there are 1,800 Baptist Sunday Schools in North Carolina. We advise all the churches in this Association to hold a service on Thanksgiving Day and take a collection for the Orphanage, and so doing we will cultivate a spirit of giving in the children. We advise our people when choosing their superintendent and teachers to make a good choice. A superintendent should have all the qualifications that is laid down in the 3rd chapter of I Timothy. A child's mind is like a tender plant, easy bent. Let us fight a good fight of faith in the Sunday School, making disciples, for Christ. Jesus said in John 6th chapter and 45th verse: "It is written in the prophets and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father cometh unto me."

W. P. BRENDEL.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Jesus said: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Shall we obey this great command of our Lord? This we can do by giving of our means. Brethren, let us come up to the full measure of our ability and give the gospel to dying millions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. HULL,
L. H. BLANTON,
M. M. JONES.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The mind needs nourishment as well as the body. Paul said give attention to reading. All people should read good literature. We would recommend the Bible first of all, along with the Bible other good books. We would warn our people aagingt cheap john literature which is being circulated through the mails and by agents. We would also recommend The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptist State Convention; The Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina, also The Charity and Children, The Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal we would also recommend to our Sunday Schools our Baptist literature gotten out by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

C. A. CALDWELL,
J. S. GWALTNEY,
J. C. COSTNER.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

Your Committee on State of Churches submit the following report:

By not having any record to refer to, we therefore cannot give any statistics. But looking back through the dark ages to which the church has come, we point with pride to the churches of today they are as a city set on a hill which cannot be hidden. We do earnestly request that each pastor urge his churches to do a greater work along the lines of mission than ever before. Also urge the Sunday School work that it may grow as never before, and that we may keep the Orphanage on our heart.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. BUMGARDNER.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: That by a large majority of voters of North Carolina a few years ago, drove the saloon out of the State. The prohibition law went into effect and after even this short period it has proven worthy the high sentiment and strenuous effort which placed it upon our statute books, and we urge every member of the Baptist Church and all citizens to stand by our prohibition law for the morality of the young and rising generation of our country. We are aware of the fact that the cry is raised that prohibition is a failure, and while it is not all we would like it to be, it is better than public saloons, therefore we should stand by it and hope and strive for improvements in the future by electing temperance men to fill our public offices, from the lowest to the highest.

J. S. GWALTNEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Eighty years ago the Baptist State Convention was organized at Greenville, N. C. At the very first session a Board of Missions was appointed to look after the evangelization of North Carolina. They found in the State at that time about 15,000 Baptists, white and colored; about 500 churches, no denominational paper, no colleges or schools to which we could send our boys and girls, but today we have about 225,000 white Baptists, 1918 churches, our own Biblical Recorder, colleges, the equal of any in the State; and fourteen high schools, where our young people can be trained for colleges, and thousands who will not get to colleges, out will go back to their homes more efficient workers for the Master. For this progress we are thankful to God, yet much remains to be done. Eastern North Carolina, with its destitution; Piedmont, with its towns and factories and Western North Carolina with its weak churches needing to be strengthened and dormant ones needing to be developed into efficiency. With these conditions before us, this Association in its very first session wishes to go on record praying for and working to the end of the evangelization of people in our own territory, our State, the South and the uttermost parts of the earth.

W. R. BRADSHAW,
N. H. PARKER,
J. G. LEATHERMAN,
Committee.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. W. B. Mull. Sunday School work was discussed by Brother W. P. Brendle and Revs. W. F. Hull and J. S. Gwaltney.

Sermon at 10 o'clock by Rev. W. F. Hull from 2nd chapter and 5th verse of Philippians.

Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. S. Gwaltney from the ninth chapter of Luke. Theme: "Jesus the Great Missionary."

A cash collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $2.12. Prayer by Rev. W. F. Hull.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Males	Females	Total	Minute Fund
Bethany	R. B. Abernethy, Hilderbrand				.50
Beulah	W. M. Johnson				
Corinth	D. E. Hoyle, Casar No. 1				
Fellowship				34	.80
Hull's Grove	D. A. Hull, Henry No. 1				2.00
Holly Brook	T. A. Norman, Morganton, No. 1			30	.45
Mount Vernon	F. J. Leatherman, Henry No. 1	35	61	96	3.20
Mountain View	J. T. Stallings	18	17	35	.85
Mount Gilead	Fred Tallant, Connelly Springs	27	55	82	1.50
Mull's Chapel	J. B. Rhoney, Connelly Springs				
Olive Grove	David Wortman, Casar No. 1.	41	69	110	2.40
Pisgah	L. H. Bumgardner, Casar, N. C.	44	59	103	1 40
Smith Chapel	Thomas Chapman, Casar, No. 1	10		10	
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson, Henry				
Zion Hill	J. N. Gales, Connelly Springs	91	119	210	
Mount Zion					.45
		266	380	710	
	W. P. Rhoney				.25
	Julius Gales				.75
					$14.55
	Public Collection				2.50
	Total				$17.05

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Olive Grove Baptist Church

CLEVELAND COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 1, 2, AND 3, 1912.

MODERATOR—Rev. W. F. Hull, Dysartsville, N. C.
CLERK—F. J. Leatherman, Henry, N. C.
TREASURER—L. H. Bumgardner, Casar, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND P. O.

Abernethy, R. B., ... Hilderbrand, N. C.
Hudson, A., ... Hilderbrand, N. C.
Hull, W. F., ... Dysartsville, N. C.
Mull, W. B., ... Connelly Springs, N. C.
Swink, Amos, ... Connelly Springs, N. C.
Hudson, A. L., ... Casar, N. C.

LICENTIATE

J. T. Stallings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L. H. Bumgardner. F. J. Leatherman.

W. E. Ledford.

PROCEEDINGS

Cleveland County, North Carolina.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 31, 1912.

The South Mountain Baptist Association met at Olive Grove in its second annual session October 31st, 1912. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Hull from Matthews 2nd chapter and 2nd verse "Saying where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and come to worship Him."

On motion recess for one hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. A. P. Bumgardner, the Moderator appointed A. J. Wacaster and W. P. Brendle as reading clerks. Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethany—Not represented.

Beulah—Not represented.

Corinth—John Hoyle, J. G. McNeely.

Fellowship—Not represented.

Hull's Grove—W. P. Brendle, George Pendleton, Vance Brendle, J. P. Houser, J. H. Brendle.

Holly Brook—Not represented.

Mount Vernon—L. H. Blanton, P. M. Leatherman, J. F. Leatherman, W. F. Wesson, A. C. Leatherman.

Mountain View—Not represented.

Mount Gillead—Not represented.

Mull's Chapel—Marion Huffman, A. J. Wacaster.

Olive Grove—Noah Parker, W. S. Johnson, J. Sigmon, A. Cook.

Pisgah—P. L. Buff, L. H. Bumgardner, Amos Pruett, J. C. Costner, W. C. Fortenberry.

Smith's Chapel—Rev. A. L. Hudson.

Saint Paul's—L. N. Cook, I. A. Cook, H. Cook, J. W. Rich, R. A. Newton, L. B. Crotz, C. C. Crotz.

Wilkie's Grove—R. H. Stephens, A. Hudson.

Zion Hill—Melvin Spake, W. E. Ledford, J. V. Proctor, R. P. Buff, J. E. Tallent, W. K. Ramsey.

Mount Zion—Not represented.

Shoup's Grove—Rev. Amos Swink.

On motion to elect a Moderator and Clerk, ballot was taken. Rev. W. F. Hull was elected Moderator and F. J. Leatherman Clerk. Invitation was extended to visiting brethren, Rev. A. P. Bumgardner from South Fork Association.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Program and Arrangements as follows: Rev. W. B. Mull, J. H. Cook and L. H. Bumgardner.

The Moderator appointed the pastor and deacons of this church as committee on religious exercises. The Moderator extended an invitation for other churches wishing to become members of this Association. Saint Paul presented her letter and was received into the Association, and delegates enrolled.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Time and Place as follows: Jesse Tallent, L. H. Bumgardner, W. E. Ledford, Amos Swink, L. H. Blanton. Then appointed a committee on Temperance as follows: Rev. W. B. Mull, W. P. Brendle and A. J. Wacaster. Report on Temperance was read by Rev. W. B. Mull and discussed by Rev. W. B. Mull and brethren L. H. Bumgardner, A. J. Wacaster and Revs. W. F. Hull, J. H. Cook, A. P. Bumgardner.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the meeting to order and asked Rev. W. B. Mull to lead in prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Invitation was extended to visiting brethren. No response. The Committee on Arrangements report read and approved by Rev. W. B. Mull. Committee on Churches to examine list of churches. No report. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Education as follows: W. P. Brendle, C. A. Wacaster and D. D. Cook The following were appointed on Old Ministers' Relief: J. H. Cook, W. M. Johnson, A. Hudson. Association Missions as follows: W. B. Mull, George Pendleton, Major Hoyle. Committee on Pastoral Support: L. H. Bumgardner, Peter Buff, W. E. Ledford. Foreign Missions: J. H. Cook, A. C. Leatherman, A. J. Wacaster. State Missions as follows: Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, W. F. Hull, A. McNeely. Report on Education was read and discussed by Revs. J. H. Cook, W. B. Mull, W. F. Hull and Brother A. J. Wacaster. Pledges were taken as follows:

Corinth	$1.00
Hull's Grove	1.00
Mount Vernon	1.00
Mount Gillead	1.00
Mull's Chapel	2.00
Olive Grove	1.00
Saint Paul	1.00
Zion Hill	1.00

Motion to take a recess for one hour. Prayer by Rev. A. Hudson.

REPORT ON LIST OF CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on List of Churches, submit the following: that we hold all of the churches now on roll until next year. All churches that does not represent by delegates shall be dropped.

P. M. LEATHERMAN,
A. C. LEATHERMAN,
W. B. MULL,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the nursery of the church, to graft, train and to grow men and women for the work of the church, and build up the Master's Kingdom and to glorify His name. Therefore, we ask that the churches all try to have evergreen Sunday Schools, and that they call pastors who will be in the schools to aid and to encourage them. We ask that all the Sunday Schools take collections monthly for the Sunday School work.

A. J. WACASTER,
W. P. BRENDLE,
Committee.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That each church in this Association hold Thanksgiving services and take collection for the Orphanage.

A. P. BUMGARDNER,
Committee.

MINUTE FUND.

Bethany	$ ----
Beulah	----
Corinth	----
Fellowship	----
Hull's Grove	1.20
Holly Brook	----
Mount Vernon	2.00
Mountain View	---
Mount Gillead	1.00
Mull's Chapel	1.00
Olive Grove	1.25
Pisgah	1.70
Pleasant Grove	.65
Smith's Chapel	----
Saint Paul's	----
Shoup's Grove	1.00
Wilkie's Grove	1.00
Zion Hill	1.40
Mount Zion	----
Rev. A. P. Bumgardner	.75
Prof. S. J. Honeycutt	.05
——— Buff	.10
L. B. Crotz	.10
Public Collection	3.45
Total	$16.65

SUNDAY MORNING

Singing. Prayer by Rev. Martin Gold. Report on Sabbath School read by A. J. Wacaster. Spoken to by A. J. Wacaster. Report adopted. Thirty-first chapter of Proverbs was read by Brother W. F. Hull. Prayer by A. P. Bumgardner. Preaching by Rev. W. F. Hull. Text: II Kings 4:8. Song. Speeches by Prof. Fuller and B. Hamrick on orphanage with Charity and Children. Collection for the orphanage was taken amounting to $5.25. Dismissed by Rev. Martin Gold.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1912.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	Associational Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	Total
Bethany	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Beulah										
Corinth	25.00						1.00	2.00		
Fellowship										
Hull's Grove	100.00				2.00		1.00	5.52	1.00	
Holly Brook										
Mount Vernon	50.00			10.00		4.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	70.50
Mountain View										
Mount Gilead	20.00					1.00		.55		
Mull's Chapel	40.00		30.00	8.20		1.00	1.00	2.00	.50	82.70
Olive Grove	30.00	40.00		1.00		2.00	1.00	3.00	.50	
Pisgah	60.00			3.00		5.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	
Shoup's Grove								1.00		
Smith's Chapel	25.00									
Saint Paul's										
Wilkie's Grove	20.00	10.00	12.30	3.00	1.00		1.00	1.00		48.56
Zion Hill	40.00			5.00		2.50	2.50	5.00	1.00	65.00
Mount Zion										

Mr. M. J. Hoyle gave 50 cents for Orphanage.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1912.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	TIME OF PREACHING	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	SEATING CAPACITY	BAPTIZED	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DIED	NUMBER OF MALES	NO. OF FEMALES	Total Membership
Bethany																
Beulah																
Corinth	W. M. Gold ✓	Ellenboro, Route 3	J. G. McNeely	Lawndale Route 1	2nd Sunday											
Fellowship																
Hull's Grove	J. A. Hoyle ✓	Maiden, N. C.	D. A. Hull	Henry Route 1	1st Sunday			8	8		3			46	71	117
Holly Brook																
Mount Vernon	C. A. Caldwell ✓		F. J. Leatherman	Henry Route 1	2nd Sunday	$1,000	400	3			3			32	59	91
Mountain View																
Mount Gilead	W. B. Mull ✓	Connelly Springs	J. F. Tallent	Connelly Springs												
Mull's Chapel	W. F. Hull ✓	Dysartsville	J. M. Rhoney	Connelly Springs	4th Sunday			8	1	1	3			25	25	50
Olive Grove	W. B. Mull ✓	Connelly Springs	David Wortman	Casar N. C. Route	4th Sunday			6	1					41	75	116
Pisgah	W. F. Hull ✓	Dysartsville	L. H. Bumgardner	Casar N. C. Route	3rd Sunday	$1,000	800									
Shoup's Grove	Amos Swink ✓		H. L. Starnes													115
Saint Paul's																
Smith's Chapel	A. L. Hudson ✓	Casar	T. Chapman	Enola, N. C.												
Wilkie's Grove	S. A. Stroup ✓	Granite Falls	A. A. Hudson	Henry Route 2	2nd Sunday	800.00	600	8	2	5				29	63	91
Zion Hill	W. B. Mull ✓	Connelly Springs	J. N. Gales	Connelly Springs	2nd Sunday	750.00	800	6	4		4	2	3	85	112	197
Mount Zion																

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator called the body to order and asked Rev. Amos Swink to lead in prayer. Committee on Associational Missions read by Rev. W. B. Mull and discussed by Revs. W. B. Mull, W. F. Hull, A. P. Bumgardner. Committee on Orphanage as follows: Revs. A. P. Bumgardner, Amos Swink and Brother Fred Tallent. Committee on Union Meetings was appointed as follows: P. M. Leatherman, A. Hudson and L. H. Blanton. The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren, Prof. S. J. Honeycutt, from South Fork Institute and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, representing State Missions. The report on State Missions was read by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw and discussed by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. Pledges were taken for State Missions as follows:

Hull's Grove	$2.00
Mount Vernon	5.00
Mount Gillead	1.00
Mull's Chapel	4.00
Olive Grove	1.00
Pisgah	5.00
Saint Paul	1.00
Zion Hill	2.50
Smith's Chapel	1.00

On motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning 9:30 a. m. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Rev. W. F. Hull. Called for new letters. Mull's Chapel presented their letter; Beulah presented her letter. State Missions were taken up as unfinished business, spoken to by Rev. W. B. Mull, W. F. Hull, A. P. Bumgardner and J. H. Cook. Report adopted. Read report on Pastor's Support. Report adopted, moved and passed that Rev W. B Mull be appointed to write a circular letter to all the churches and report at our next session. Committee on State of Churches: W. B. Mull, A. A. Hudson, Jesse Tallent. Report on Foreign Missions read and submitted by the committee and discussed by Revs. W. F. Hull, W. B. Mull and Brother A. J. Wacaster.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Rev. W. F. Hull. Pledges were taken for Foreign Missions as follows:

Beulah	$1.00
Corinth	1.00
Hull's Grove	1.00
Mount Vernon	2.00
Mount Gillead	1.00
Mull's Chapel	1.00
Olive Grove	1.00
Pisgah	4.00
Wilkie's Grove	1.00
Zion Hill	2.50
Saint Paul	
Fellowship	2.00

Report was adopted and an invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Brother Zimri Falls and Brother Douglas Carpenter responded from the Kings Mountain Association. Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. W. B. Mull and discussed by Revs. W. B. Mull, A. A. Hudson, W. F. Hull. Report on State of Churches was read by Rev. W. B. Mull. Report adopted standing committee on Associational Missions as follows: P. M. Leatherman, M. J. Hoyle, Marion Huffman. Report on Orphanage was read by A. P. Bumgardner and discussed by Revs. A. P. Bumgardner, W. B. Mull, W. F. Hull. Pledges as follows:

Hull's Grove	$5.00
Mount Vernon	3.00
Mount Gillead	1 00
Mull's Chapel	1.00
Olive Grove	2.00
Pisgah	5.00
Wilkie's Grove	3.00
Zion Hill	4.00
Saint Paul	3.00

Then individual pledges were taken as follows:

L. H. Bumgardner	$1.00
Rev. A. P. Bumgardner	1.00
Mrs. A. P. Bumgardner	.50

Report on Home Missions was read by Brother A. J. Wacaster. Report was adopted. The body appointed F. J. Leatherman delegate to the State Convention. The body ordered the Clerk to have the minutes printed.

The committee on Time and Place reported that the time be on Thursday after the Fourth Sunday in October and the place is Hull's Grove Baptist Church, which is located in Lincoln County and twelve miles north of Cherryville, N. C., and Rev. J. H. Cook to preach the introductory sermon, Rev W. B. Mull, alternate. Song by choir and a hand shake The body returned thanks for the hospitality in the

way the brethren and community of Olive Grove Church entertained the Association. Benediction by the Moderator.

This closes a harmonious meeting of the South Mountain Association.

REV. W. F. HULL, Moderator.
F. J. LEATHERMAN, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION."

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

3. This Association ought not to have, and shall not have any power to legislate; but may frame rules and devise plans, as an advisory council, for the faithful administration of the law of Christ.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective churches.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of votes required to elect.

6. No person shall be eligible to office who is not a member of this body.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all meetings for business, and the Clerk shall be required to keep or make faithful record of all transactions of the Association, and may act as Treasurer at the request of the Association.

8. Newly constituted churches may be received as constituent members of this body, upon giving satisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy in the faith and practice.

9 This Constitution may be changed or amended at any time by two-thirds of the members concurring.

10. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates which has fifty members or under, one more delegate for each twenty-five members over fifty.

11. Each ordained minister of this Association in good standing shall be ex-officio member of this body.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting of business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the Moderator or some one whom he may appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Association.

4. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

5. During the hours of business all private conversation, walking across or out of the room, without permission of the Moderator first obtained, shall be considered a breach of order.

6. The delegates' names shall be called every day previous to proceeding to business.

7. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Moderator before debated.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order here arranged: No motion nor proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Association.

11. No member shall absent himself from the service without leave of the Association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the Moderator fail to enforce these rules and regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and may be reminded of his duty by any member present.

14. The Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Redestricting Association, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

15. Also an executive committee, to consist of three persons, and a finance committee of two, to continue for twelve months.

The Order of Business on the meeting of the Association shall be, until the reports of Committee on arrangements, as follows: Singing and prayer, call letters from churches, elections of Moderator and Clerk, call for churches desiring to unite with this Association, invitation to visiting brethren to sit with Association, invitation to correspondents to sit with Association, appoint a Committee on Religious Exercises to act during session of Association, appoint Committee of Arrangements, who shall report morning after opening Association and invite visiting brethren and correspondents.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

If there is any one subject that appeals to us with more force than another it is the subject of the Orphanage.

Jesus says, by inspiration, in James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

We have at Thomasville, N. C., an institution under the supervision of M. L. Kistler and wife in which the Baptists of North Carolina are feeding and clothing four hundred orphans. They are looking to us for their sustenance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. BUMGARDNER,
A. SWINK,
FRED TALLENT,
Committee.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, your Committee on Old Ministers' Relief, beg leave to make the following report:

We believe it one among the most worthy objects of our Association to give to the support of our old beloved ministers who have spent their lives in the active work of the ministry and we urge the churches of our Association to liberally respond to this worthy object.

J. H. COOK,
W. S. JOHNSON,
A. L. HUDSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: That by a large majority of voters of North Carolina a few years ago, drove the saloon out of the State. The prohibition law went into effect and after even this short period it has proven worthy the high sentiment and strenuous effort which placed it upon our statute books, and we urge every member of the Baptist Church and all citizens to stand by our prohibition law for the morality of the young and rising generation of our country. We are aware of the fact that the cry is raised that prohibition is a failure, and while it is not all we would like it to be, it is better than public saloons, therefore, we should stand by it and hope and strive for improvements in

the future by electing temperance men to fill our public offices, from the lowest to the highest.

W. B. MULL,
W. P. BRENDLE,
A. J. WACASTER,
Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Eighty years ago the Baptist State Convention was organized at Greenville, N. C. At the very first session a Board of Missions was appointed to look after the evangelization of North Carolina. They found in the State at that time about 15,000 Baptists, white and colored; about 500 churches, no denominational paper, no colleges or schools to which we could send our boys and girls, but today we have about 225,000 white Baptists, 1918 churches, our own Biblical Recorder, colleges, the equal of any in the State; and fourteen high schools, where our young people can be trained for colleges, and thousands who will not get to colleges, but will go back to their homes more efficient workers for the Master. For this progress we are thankful to God, yet much remains to be done. Eastern North Carolina, with its destitution; Piedmont, with its towns and factories and Western North Carolina with its weak churches needing to be strengthened and dormant ones needing to be developed into efficiency. With these conditions before us, this Association in its very first session wishes to go on record praying for and working to the end of the evangelization of people in our own territory, our State, the South and the uttermost parts of the earth.

W. R. BRADSHAW,
W. F. HULL,
J. G. MCNEELY,
Committee.

REPORT ON PASTOR'S SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Pastor's Support, beg leave to submit the following: We believe in the support of the Gospel. We believe that the churches ought to pay their pastors a sufficient amount so they can give their mind solely to the study of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. BUMGARDNER,
W. E. LEDFORD,
P. L. BUFF,
Committee.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, agree that Hull's Grove be the place and that on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in October be the time. Rev. J. H. Cook to preach the introductory sermon, W. B. Mull, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. BUMGARDNER,
JESSE TALLENT,
AMOS SWINK,
Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

There is nothing that brings more peace and satisfaction to the heart of a father than to know that his dear children are properly cared for, and its makes our hearts beat with joy to look our children in the face and see that smile of contentment. Can you draw a mental picture of the sad drawn expression of the poor child that has no kind hand to provide for it.

Now let us take upon ourselves this kind benevolent work of helping the helpless in the bounds of our Association. Then we have those in reach of our Association who are destitute of God's eternal word and we should feel that it is our duty to give our time and means of carrying God's word into every home in reach of our Association.

MARION HUFFMAN,
AMOS SWINK,
JOHN HOYLE,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals will say that as a reading people is an informed people it is important that parents should place in the hands of their children good literature. We would recommend first the word of God and then our own Biblical Recorder, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. MULL,
A. A. HUDSON,
AMOS SWINK,
Committee.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

We your Committee of State of Churches submit the following: We find by referring to the minutes of last year that our Association is composed of 16 churches with 710 members. They paid for minutes, $17.05. Then by referring to the letters of this year that were Baptized this year 58.

We raised for Foreign Missions	$13.50
State Missions	17.50
Orphanage	32.52
Old Ministers' Relief	5.00
Minute Fund	15.00

We are now composed of 17 churches, with 875 members. Gained in churches, 1. Gained in membership, 175. We raised for all objects this year, $83.52.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. MULL.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, the Committee on Education, request the churches represented here to ask our next body of legislators to enact a law in North Carolina taking a per cent. of the funds now used in our graded schools, and add it to our rural schools giving us a longer term than at present. Report adopted.

W. P. BRENDLE,
D. D. COOK,
A. J. WACASTER,
Committee.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions submit the following: After taking a survey of the bounds of the South Mountain Association, we find that there is a great amount of work needed to be done. Several weak churches that need help. Smith's Chapel is one that needs help and some destitutions that we should look after. We earnestly beg our churches to contribute largely to this Mission.

W. B. MULL,
M. J. HOYLE,
G. F. PENDLETON,
Committee.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR 1912

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Quartelies Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Bethany												
Beulah												
Corinth												
Fellowship												
Hull's Grove	W. P. Brendle	Henry Route 1	7	95	102	1	108	9	75	6		
Holly Brook												
Mount Vernon	J. F. Leatherman	Henry Route 1	6	80	86	4	80	6	63	3	$1.00	
Mountain View												
Mount Gillead	Amos Swink	Connelly Springs	5	45	50	1		3	25	5		
Mull's Chapel	O. O. Rhoney	Henry Route	6	91	97	1		9	65	8		$8.20
Olive Grove	D. Shoup	Connelly Springs	6	55	61	1		6	41	6		
Pisgah	C. A. Brittian	Casar N. C.	6	30	36	1	100	5			$3.00	
Saint Paul's												
Shoup's Grove												
Smith's Chapel												
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson	Henry Route 2	5	1	36	1		4				
Zion Hill	J. N. Gales	Connelly Springs	5	80	85	1		9		3		
Mount Zion												

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND P. O.

Swink, Amos - - - - - - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.
Bumgardner, A. P., - - - - - - - - - - - Casar, N. C.
Hull, W. F., - - - - - - - - - - Dysartsville, N. C.
Cook, J. H., - - - - - - - - - - - - Casar, N. C. R-1
Abernethy, R. B., - - - - - - - - Hilderbrand, N. C.
Waldrop, J. J., - - - - - - - - - - - Henry, N. C. R-1
Mull, W. B., - - - - - - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Abee, O. A., - - - - - - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.
Bivins, J. B., - - - - - - - - - - - - Henry, N. C.
Kivitt, A. P., - - - - - - - - - - - - Belwood, N. C.
Stallings, John

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. E. Wilson
W. B. Mull
W. F. Hull
W. P. Brendle
L. H. Bumgardner

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its third annual session with the Hulls Grove Church Lincoln county October 30th 31st Nov. 1st and 2nd 1913. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Cook at 11 o'clock a. m. Text Matthew 17th chapter and part of the 8th verse.

Recess for one hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. M. Ballard, former Moderator W. B. Hull, appointed J. H. Cook and W. B. Mull, reading clerks. Letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bulah—J. E. Huffman, William Johnson.

Corinth—David Hoyle, John Hoyle.

Mount Giliead—Alfonzo Shoup, M. A. Canipe.

Hulls Grove— D. A. Hull, J. H. Brendle, T. C. Martin, J. A. Taylor.

Mull's Chapel—Marion Huffman.

Olive Grove—David Wortman, N. H. Parker.

St. Pauls—Charlie Bungardner, J. F. Cook, J. R. Buff.

Pisgah—L. H. Bumgardner, J. C. Costner, Edgar Pruett.

Mt. Vernon—S. H. Upton, P. M. Leatherman, L. M. Blanton, J. G. Leatherman, S. J. Nogle.

Wilkies Grove—A. A. Hudson, R. F. Stevens, Henry Seagle.

Zion Hill—W. S. Hoyle, Frank Buff.

Mountain View—Not represented.

Smith's Chapel—Not represented.

Holly Brook—Not represented.

Fellowship—Not represented.

Elected S. H. Upton Moderator and J. H. Bumgardner Secretary and Treasurer.

Mount Zion was received from the Sandy Run Association. Delegates, Tobias Queen, D. H. Wortman.

Shoups Grove received from the Catawba River Association Delegates R. B. Abernethy, G. L. Bivins, D. H. Fulbright. Committee on program A. P. Bumgardner, P. M. Leatherman, Marion Huffman. Extended an invitation to visiting Brethren, Revs. J. M. Ballard, W. R. Bradshaw and J. A. Hoyle were welcomed to seats from the South Fork Association. J. C. Blanton, R. G. Short, C. M. Robinson from the Kings Mountain Association.

Received report on order of business.

Received report on hospitality.

On motion adjourned until Friday 9:30 a. m. Prayer by Rev. A. P. Bumgardner.

FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. B. Mull. Minutes of Thursdays meeting was read and adopted. Letters from Wilkies Grove and Bulah were read. Invitation was extended to visiting brethren. H. E. Waldrop responded from the M. P. Church. Committees were appointed as follows: Education; W. B. Mull, L. H. Blanton, J. T. Taylor. State Missions; W. R. Bradshaw, W. S. Hoyle and Tobias Queen. Orphanage; S. A. Stroup, P. M. Leatherman and D. H. Fulbright. Associational Missions; C. M. Robinson, Amos Swink and —— Newton. Old Ministers' Relief; R. B. Abernethy, S. J. Nogle and J. G. Leatherman. Temperance; R. G. Short, J. C. Blanton and J. C. Martin. Finance; Melvin Spake, D. A. Hull and Charles Bumgardner. Time and Place; W. B. Mull, Marion Huffman and John Hoyle. Foreign Missions; J. A. Hoyle. Periodicals; J. J. Waldrop. State of Churches; J. H. Cook. Home Missions; J. M. Ballard. The pastor and deacons of Hulls Grove church were appointed as committee on devotional exercises. Union Meetings; A. P. Bumgardner and J. H. Brendle.

Report on Education was read by W. B. Mull and discussed by W. R. Bradshaw, J. A. Hoyle and C. M. Robinson. Report adopted. Report on Associational Missions read by C. M. Robinson discussed by C. M. Robinson, J. M. Ballard, J. C. Blanton, J. A. Hoyle. Report adopted. Report on time and place by W. B. Mull. Report on Orphanage by S. A. Stroup, W. R. Bradshaw, A. P. Bumgardner. Report adopted.

The Association adjourned till 1:15 p. m.. Song by the choir. Benediction by S. A. Stroup.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Singing by the choir. Prayer by J. C. Blanton. Report on Old Ministers Relief Read by S. A. Stroup discussed by S. A. Stroup, J. A. Hoyle, R. B. Abernethy, J. M. Ballard, and W. R. Bradshaw. Song by W. F. Hull, and A. P. Bumgardner. Pledges taken as follows:

Bulah	$2,00
Corinth	
Hull's Grove	3.00
Mount Vernon	4.00
Mount Gilead	1.00
Mull's Chapel	
Olive Grove	1.00
Pisgah	5.00
St. Paul	2.00
Shoups Grove	2.00
Wilkies Grove	3.00
Zion Hill	1.00
Mount Zion	1.00

Individual pledges.

C. M. Robinson	$1.00
J. J. Waldrop	1.00
A. P. Bumgardner	1.00
J. H. Brendle	.50

J. H. Cook ..... .50
J. C. Costner ..... .50
Cash Collection 6.56

Report adopted.

Report on Temperance read by A. P. Bumgardner, discussed by C. M. Robinson, W C. Mullen, W. F. Hull, J. M. Ballard. Report adopted. Rev. J. C. Blanton spoke in behalf of Brother Thomas Davis. Cash collection for Brother Thomas Davis $6.26. Preaching tonight by Rev. J. M. Ballard.

On motion to adjourn till Saturday 9:30 a. m. Prayer by A. P. Bumgardner.

SATURDAY MORNING

Devotional services by J. A. Hoyle. Prayer by W. F. Hull. Minutes of Fridays meeting read and adopted. Connelly Springs presented a letter from the Catawba River Association which was received. Moved and passed that pledges be taken for the Orphanage. Pledges as follows:

Pisgah $6.00
Bulah 2.00
Corinth 1.00
Connelly Springs 25.00
Hull's Grove 10.00
Mount Vernon 15.00
Mount Gellead 1.00
Azor Mulls Chapel .....
Olive Grove 2 00
Saint Paul 3.00
Shoups Grove 1.00
Wilkies Grove 6.00
Zion Hill 5.00
Mount Zion 1.00

Individual pledges were taken as follows:

S. H. Uption	$1.00
C. P. Miller	.25
Amos Swink	.50

Cash collection $3.42.

Report adopted.

Report on State Missions read and discussed by W. R. Bradshaw. Song, How Firm a Foundation. Report adopted.

Pledges were taken as follows:

Connelly Springs	$10.00
Bulah	1.00
Corinth	1.00
Hull's Grove	5.00
Mount Vernon	5.00
Mount Gilead	1.00
Mull's Chapel	
Olive Grove	1.00
Pisgah	5.00
Shoups Grove	1.00
Saint Paul	3.00
Wilkies Grove	5.00
Zion Hill	2.50
Mount Zion	1.00

Motion amended in the report so we shall work through the board and report adopted. Suggestions on arrangements by J. F. Wilson.

Motion to adjourn for one hour. Prayer by W. F. Hull.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Singing by the choir. Prayer by W. E. Hull. The Moderator appointed a new executive committee. Resolution of thanks extended the Hull's Grove church for their benevolence by W. B. Mull. Report on Foreign Missions

adopted without discussion by J. A. Hoyle.

Report on Home Missions read by J. M. Ballard. Report adopted without discussion.

Report on Periodicals read by J. J. Walthrop and discussed by J. J. Walthrop, W. F. Hull and A. Hudson. Report adopted.

Report on Pastor's Support read by J. H. Brendle and discussed by W. F. Hull, W. R. Bradshaw. J. M. Ballard and J. A. Hoyle. Report adopted.

Moved and passed that the Treasurer turn all money for Missions over to the State Mission Board.

Moved and passed that the clerk be paid $5.00 for his services.

Moved and passed to adjourn till Thursday after the 4th Sunday in October 1914 to meet at Wilkies Grove.

Song by the choir. Benediction by R. G. Short.

SUNDAY MORNING

Singing by the Choir. Devotional exercises and prayer by Rev. W. F. Hull. Sunday School Mass Meeting— Discussion opened by W. R. Bradshaw, A. P. Bumgardner, A. Hudson and W. F. Hull. Singing by the choir. Preaching by W. R. Bradshaw. Text, Psalms the 16th chapter and the 6th verse. Closing prayer by W. F. Hull. Cash collection $5.41 for State Missions. Song by the choir. Benediction by A. P. Bumgardner.

S. H. UPTON, Moderator.
L. H. BUMGARDNER, Sect. & Treas.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our supreme business as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ is to preach the Gospel to all the world and 'whatever

we do must be done with the view of bringing in that day when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. A hundred years ago it looked as if that time belonged to the far-off years, but during the last quarter of a century God has so wonderfully blest the efforts of our Missionaries in preaching the Gospel in the Foreign Fields and converting the heathen by the thousands from heathendom to the Glorious light of the Gospel that it now seems possible that in the near future the Kingdom of our Lord shall be Established in everp Nation of the world.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. HOYLE

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

It is no accident that the Divine program for world Salvation begins at Jerusalem and is to extend to the uttermost parts of the earth. We must begin at home. The Home Missions occupy fifteen southern States, Cuba and the Panama Zone. The total gifts from all sources amount to $366,050.00, of this amount North Carolina Baptist give $26,689.72. Surely no sane Baptist lacks sympathy along this Supreme business line of the Church. This that brought Jesus from Glory to the Cross to win the lost world. Is it not well for us to give ourselves more devotedly to this work?

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. BALLARD,

J. E. WILSON,

Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In submitting this report we desire to give some facts about

our State Missions Work.

The Board.—The State Board of Missions is composed of eighty members from the State at large, and one representative from each of the sixty four associations. To these brethren is committed the task of appropriating the funds contributed for State Missions. They do not receive one cent for this work.

The Field.—The field has been divided for the sake of convenience into three sections: West, Central and East. In the West development is our task. The Board is spending in this section $7,970. In the Central section great industrial changes are taking place and much more money is needed to this section. $19,528 have been appropriated. Real Mission work will be found in the East. There are eighteen counties in the East where the destitution is great. The Board appropriated to this section $20,210.

Missionaries Employed.—We have about 150 Missionaries employed who preach at about 335 churches, out stations. They baptised last year 1,607 and received by letter 1,393 persons. They finished 12 houses of Worship. and began 20 more. They raised for pastors salary, church building and the objects of the Convention $74,586.23. This is a very small part of what your missionaries are doing, for no one can trace the influence of ones life saved upon our State, Nation or World

W. R. BRADSHAW,
Tobias QUEEN,
W. S. HOYLE,

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

By Associational Missions we mean Missionary endeavor within the bounds of our immediate Association. This, however, is reported to the State Convention and we are

credited with it as State Missions. As long as there is destitution within our borders there is need for Associational Missions. Is there destitution in the South Mountain Association? This question needs no discussion here. A casual look at the minutes and church letters will tell the tale. Are we doing anything to overcome this destitution? What are we doing and how is it being done? We suggest that this Association appropriate sufficient funds to employ one good wide awake minister to spend at least one half of his time in doing Mission work at the weak points. Associational Missions touches the basis of supply. When we christianize South Mountain we are helping to christianize North Carolina. We have done a great work toward christianizing China, yea, and the World. Are we ready for the task "Go ye into all the world" Beginning at Jerusalem"

C. M. ROBINSON,
AMOS SWINK,
——— NEWTON,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We have in North Carolina the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the State Convention owned by a stock company but controlled by the State convention. It is not controlled by the stockholders and all they will receive is 6 per cent on their investment. The Recorder is the medium of information from a Baptist point of view in North Carolina. No man can be informed concerning Baptist affairs in North Carolina who does not read the Recorder. We read the Acts of the First Apostles in the Bible we ought also read the Acts of the Apostles of the present day which we get in the Recorder. We also have Charity and Children our Orphanage paper which keeps us posted on our work at that end of

the line it not only does this but it furnishes a revenue by which it aids in supporting the Orphanage. We would mention also the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. If you would be an informed Baptist take these papers We recommend all these to every Baptist family in our association. Furthermore we would insist on every Pastor in this Association to supply their Churches with the free literature on Mission Work which can be had from the various boards of our denomination for the asking. We would also mention the Menace a paper published in Aurora Missouri. This paper exposes Catholicism. We would recommend this paper to every family in this association as a source of information in regard to the workings of Catholicism, and the plans they are laying to undermind and overthrow our American form of Goverment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WALDROP.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

If there is any one subject that should appeal to us with more force than any other, it is the subject of the Orphanage. The Bible teaches us, in James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.,'

We have at Thomasville, N. C., now an institution known as the Baptist Orphanage under the supervision of Bro. M. L Kistler and wife, in which we are caring for about 400 fatherless and motherless children that have been picked up all over the state. We, your committee, earnestly ask that we make Thomasville Orphanage a special object of our prayer and

sympathy.

Respctfully submitted.

S. A. STROUP.
D. H. FULLBRIGHT.
P. M. LEATHERMAN.
Committee

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are glad that we are able to progress along Temperance lines. There is being created a sentiment against whiskey and alcoholic drinks that we beleive marks its day We are told that "prohibition does not prohibit." Does the law against murder stop folks from murdering? And yet who would have these laws repealed. We are gaining ground in N. C. and also nationally. The time will come when King Alcohol will be outlawed in the nation as well as in the state. We urge that each member of this association use his best efforts to create and encourage sentiment against whiskey for this is the most effective way to do it. We urge next that we demand our officials to enforce the law against liquor as they do against other crimes.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. SHORT.
J. C. BLANTON.
J. C. MARTIN.
Committee.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

Whereas our dear Bro. W. F. Hull has given about forty years of his life preaching the Glorious Gospel of the ever

happy God in this section with marked success. We the younger brethren acknowlege gratitude to the great Head of the Church for his sacrifice and whereas it was through his efforts more than any one else that this association was organized and whereas he is nearing the evening of life when he is to cross the inky stream and rest under the shade of the trees. Therefore be it resolved that we reaffirm our esteem confidence and love for him and express the desire that his last days on earth may be his happiest.

Respectfully,

W. B. MULL.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on time and place submit the following: Wilkies Grove the place. Time on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in Oct. 1914. Rev. Amos Swink to preach introductory sermon alternate, R. B. Abernethy.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the South Mtn. Association return the sincere and hearty thanks to the brethren and sisters of Hull's Grove Church and people of this community for the way and manner they entertained this Association.

W. B. MULL.

Resolved that each church in this Association take a collection on next Thanksgiving day for the Orphanage at Thomasville.

A. P. BUMGARDNER.

COMMITTEE TO REPORT NEXT ASSOCIATION

Foreign Missions - - - - - - - - - W. B. Mull
Temperance - - - - - - - - - - A. P. Bumgardner
Home Missions - - - - - - - - - W. F. Hull
State Missions - - - - - - - - - O. A. Abee
Orphanage - - - - - - - - - - - J. E. Wilson
Sunday Schools - - - - - - - - - W. P. Brendle
Periodicals - - - - - - - - - - - J. H. Cook
Old Ministers Relief - - - - - - Amos Swink
Education - - - - - - - - - - - A. Hudson.

Correspondent to the Baptist State Conventin.
W. F. Hull.
J. E Wilson.
W. B. Mull.
R. G Short.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Association.

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

3. This Association ought not to have, and shall not have any power to legislate; but may frame rules and devise plans, as an advisory council, for the faithful administration of the law of Christ.

4 This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective churches.

5 The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of votes required to elect.

6. No person shall be eligible to office who is not a member of this body.

7 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all meetings for business, and the Clerk shall be required to keep or make faithful record of all transactions of the Association, and may act as Treasurer at the request of the Assocciation.

8. Newly constituted churches may be received as constituent members of this body, upon giving satisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy in faith and practice.

9. This Constitution may be changed or amended at any time by two-thirds of the members concurring.

10. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates which has fifty members or under, one more delegate for twenty-five members over fifty.

11. Each ordained minister of this Association in good standing shall be ex-officio member of this body.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting of business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the Moderator or some one whom he may appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Association.

4. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

5. During the hours of business all private conversation, walking across or out of the room, without permission of the Moderator first obtained, shall be considerd a breach

of order.

6. The delegates' names shall be called every day previous to proceeding to business.

7. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Moderator before debated.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order here arranged: No motion nor proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of admendment.

9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Association.

11. No member shall absent himself from the service without leave of the Association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the Moderator fail to enforce these rules and regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and may be reminded of his duty by any member present.

14. The Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Redestricting Association, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

15. Also an executive committee, to consist of three persons, and a finance committee of two, to continue for twelve months.

The Order of Business on the meeting of the Association shall be, until the reports of Committee on Arrange-

ments, as follows; Singing and prayer, call letters from churches, elections of Moderator and Clerk, call for churches desiring to unite with this Association, invitation to visiting brethren to sit with Association, invitation to correspondents to sit with Association, appoint Committee on Religious Exercises to act during session of Association, appoint Committee of Arrangements, who shall report morinng after opening Association and invite visiting brethren and correspondents.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1913.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total
Beulah	$ 45.00	$	$	$ 5.25	$	$	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$	$	$ 1.00	$	$	$	$ 53.25
Corinth	16.00			2.07			1.00		1.00					2.00	20.07
Connelly Springs	116 00		5.00	23.59			2.48	5.00	10.90	2.00	10.00	2.00	2.00		302.12
Hull's Grove	72 00	20.00		20.00		5 33	2.00	2.00	2.00		6.00		1.00		130.33
Mount Gilead	19.30										1.00				20.30
Mull's Chapel	27 00	35.00	2.50	10.00		1.06	1.00	1.00	1.00		4.00		1.00		85.16
Olive Grove	35.00			1.25			1.00	1.00			2.00		1.00		41.25
Saint Paul	60.00			6 48	18.02	1.50	1.00	1.00			3.00			5.17	96.67
Pisgah	34.33	1.73			3.00		5.00		4.00		5.00		1.91		55.07
Shoup's Grove	45.55	25.50						.90			1.00				72.95
Mount Vernon	75.00		30.40	10.00	8.00	1.50	5.00	1.27	2.00		3.00		1.00		137.17
Wilkie's Grove	60.00	79.15	21.60	4.00	5.00	1.00	1.25	1.00	1.00		3.50				174.50
Zion Hill	50.00	150.00		6.00		1.00	2.50	2.50			4.00				116.00
Mount Zion								1.00			2.50		.50		4.00

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION – SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR 1913

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Quarterlies Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Bulah	Jacob Mull	Henry Route 3	8	62	70	1	36	9	35		$ 5.25	$ 5.25
Corinth	Mrs. Tenie Hoyle	Casar Route 1	6	52	58	1		6	29	1	2.07	2.07
Connelly Sprgs	J. F. Cook	Connelly Springs	7	60	67	1		12	50		23.59	26.52
Hull's Grove	J. H. Brendle	Henry Route 1	6	70	76	1		12	50	2	20.00	20.00
Mount Gilead.	Amos Swink	Connelly Sprgs 3	2	45	47	1		4	20		2.00	2.00
Mull's Chapel.	Marion Huffman	Henry Route 2	5	39	44			6	32	1	10.00	10.00
Olive Grove	Daniel Spake	Connelly Sprgs 3	5	40	45	1		6	30	3	1.25	1.25
Saint Paul	C. C. Crotts	Belwood Route 1	9	74	85	1		12	45	1	60.48	60.48
Pisgah												
Shoups Grove.	R B. Abernethy	Hildebrand N. C.	4	48	52			9	40	4	1.20	1,20
Mount Vernon	F. J. Leatherman	Henry, N. C.	7	90	97			8	75	7	10.00	10.00
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson	Henry, N. C.	4	50	54	1		6	30		4.00	4.00
Zion Hill	J. Z. Mitchem	Cleveland Mills	6	70	76	1		6	25		6.00	6.00
Mount Zion												

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK
Bulah	L. A. Bangle	Cherryville	Wm. Johnso
Corinth	Amos Swink	Connelly Sprgs	J. G. McNeil
Connelly Sprgs	A. W. Setzer	Maiden, N. C.	J. E. Wilson
Hull's Grove..	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden, N. C.	D. A. Hull
Mount Gillead.	W. B. Mull	Connelly S. R-3	Thomas Cool
Mull's Chapel..	S A. Stroup	Henry, N. C.	J. M. Rhone
Olive Grove..	W. B. Mull	Connelly Sprgs	David Wort
Saint Pauls....	J. C. Blanton	Belwood, N. C.	L. B. Crotts
Pisgah	W. B. Mull	Connelly S. R-3	L. H. Bumga
Shoup's Grove.	Amos Swink	Connelly S. R-3	Henry Starn
Mount Vernon.	C. M. Robinson	Cherryville	F. J. Leathe
Wilkie's Grove	S. A. Stroup	Henry, N. C.	A. A. Hudso
Zion Hill	W. B. Mull	Connelly S. R-3	J. N. Gales
Mount Zion...	J. C. Blanton	Belwood, N. C	R. R. Price

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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Moderator - - J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College, N. C.
Clerk and Treasurer - - J. J. Waldrop, Henry, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. F. Hull — James Huffman
W. P. Brendle — L. H. Bumgardner
J. E. Wilson

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND P. O.

Abernethy, R. B.	Hildebran, N. C.
Bumgardner, A. P.	Casar, N. C.
Cook, J. H.	R 1, Casar, N. C.
Hull, W. F.	Dysortsville, N. C.
Mull, W. B.	Connelly Springs, N. C.
Short, R. G.	Cleveland Mills, N. C.
Stroup, S. A.	R. 5, Hickory, N. C.
Swink, Amos	Connelly Springs, N. C.
Waldrop, J. J.	R. 3, Henry, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its fourth annual session with Wilkies Grove Church, Burke county, at Eleven o'clock, Tursday, October 29, 1914.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Amos Swink. Text—Matt. 25: 31-32.

The Association adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

On reassembling, song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and prayer by J. H. Cook.

S. H. Upton, Moderator of last years session, appointed J. E. Wilson and A. P. Bumgardner, reading clerks. Letters were read and delegates for the session enrolled as follows:

Abee's Chapel: Horace Abee, Roy Abee, Andy Stamey, Lewis Lowman, S. S. Hilderbran.
Buelah: J. H. Mull, A. J. Yancey, Aaron Craig
Corinth: J. G. McNeilley, M. J. Hoyle
Connelly Springs: O. A. Abee, J. E. Wilson, Walter Berry, J. L. Smith, W. W. Berry
Hulls Grove: J. C. Martin, W. P. Brendel, J. H. Brendel
Mulls Chapel: S. A. Stroup, W. P. Rhoney, W. T. Rhoney
Mt. Zion: R. R. Price, L. L. Willis, D. H. Workman
Mt. Gilead: Anderson Canipe, J. C. Talent
Mt. Vernon: J. J. Waldrop, F. J. Leatherman, S. H. Upton, P. M. Leatherman, L. H. Blanton
Olive Grove: W. S. Johnson, D. D. Cook, Cleveland Cook, Marion Lail
Pleasant Grove: J. R. Caswell, L. R. Smith, J. P. Denton
Pisgah: C. A. Brittain, L. H. Bumgardner, Andrew Pruett
Shoup Grove: R. B. Abernethy, Monroe Lutz, D. H. Fulbright, P. L. Young, S. E. Burns, J. L. Lowman, W. J. Lowman
St. Paul: C. D. Downs
St. John: W. A. Keller, J. Q. Vunhorn, Zeb. Stamey, James R. Huffman, W. A. Carsewell
Wilkies Grove: R. F. Stephans, Marion Brittain
Walkers Chapel: M. Huffman, Wesley Freedell
Zion Hill: John Hudson, R. P. Buff.

The Association elected officers for the ensuing year as follews: Moderator, J. E. Wilson; Clerk and Treasurer, J. J. Waldrop.

St. John and Abee's Chapel churches were received by letter from the Catawba River Association.

Pleasant Grove church, having been dropped from the Catawba River Association several years ago on account of intem-

perance, presented a letter desiring admission into this body. The Moderator appointed a committee to confer with their delegates and pastor, as follows: A. P. Bumgardner, O. A. Abee, F. J. Leatherman, W. F. Hull and R. B. Abernethy.

Brethren, W. R. Bradshaw, A. W. Setzer and J. W. Bowles, from the South Fork Association, were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body. Bro. C. E. Beaver from Buncombe County Association was recognized and welcomed to a seat in the body.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

R. G. Short, O. A. Abee, S. H. Upton

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISE

R. G. Short and the officials of the entertaining church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

S. H. Upton and W. P. Brendel

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES

R. B. Abernethy, F. J. Leatherman and A. J. Wacaster

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

W. F. Hull, P. M. Leatherman and George Hilderbrand

By Motion and vote W. F. Hull, A. P. Bumgardner, and R. G. Short were appointed Associational historians.

A. P. Bumgardner read the following report:

We, your committee to confer with the pastor and delegates of Pleasant Grove Church, find them to be orthodox in faith and practice.

A. P. Bumgardner,
R. B. Abernethy,
O. A. Abee,
F. J. Leatherman,
W. F. Hull, Committee.

The report was adopted.

By motion Pleasant Grove church was received into full fellowship and the church and delegates were enrolled in due order.

Walker's Chapel church presented an application asking for membership in this Association; the same was referred to the following committee: A. P. Bumgardner, O. A. Abee, F. J. Leatherman, W. F. Hull, R. B. Abernethy.

A. P. Bumgardner reads the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your Committee on Temperance would offer the following report:

We are glad that we are making progress along Temper-

ance lines. The time has come when the business world is turning its back on the man who uses alcoholic drinks to excess. This we believe is due to the creation of public sentiment against it.

There are those who tell us that prohibition does not prohibit, neither does the law against murder prohibit some folks from murdering. We urge every member of this Association to use his best effort, to create sentiment against whiskey, for this is the most effective way to do it.

A. P. Bumgardner

We your committee to examine the church Covenant and Articles of Faith of Walkers Chapel, Baptist Church, which applies for membership in this Association, find them to be an orthodox Baptist church.

A. P. Bumgardner,
O. A. Abee,
F. J. Leatherman.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Beaver.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises by Rev. W. F. Hull.

Minutes of Thursdays proceedings read and adopted.

By motion and vote a collection was taken for minutes, which amounted to two dollars.

Rev. J. H. Cook reads the following:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We have in North Carolina, the Biblical Recorder—the organ of the Baptist State Convention, which is owned by a stock company, but controlled by the Baptist of the State. This paper furnishes the information with reference to our work in the State.

We also have Charity and Children, an orphanage paper, which keeps us posted on our work at that end of the line. Furthermore it furnishes a revenue by which it aids in supporting the orphans.

We would also mention the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal. We recommend all these papers to every Baptist family in the State for the necessary information to becoming well informed Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Cook.

Discussed by J. H. Cook and J. W. Bowles. The report was adopted.

Rev. Amos Swink reads the following report on:

OLD MINISTER'S RELIEF

It is the unnatural heritage of man that he shall become feeble when he is old. Ministers of the Gospel are no exception to this rule. Our aged fathers in the ministry have fought a good fight. They have stood as mighty bulwarks of power against the on-

coming tide of sin; and Christ, through them, has left for us as their successors in the work a blazed trail, a highway of success, an open door of opportunities unparalleled. Therefore, we believe it is our duty to take care of our aged ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Amos Swink.

The report was dicussed by Amos Swink, W. F. Hull, W. P Bradshaw. The report was adopted.

O. A. Abee reads the following report on:

STATE MISSIONS

We your Committee on State Missions submit the following report:

It is generally admitted that State Missions is fundamental. It lies at the base of all our enterprises. It strengthens the weak places in our work and steadies the hand of those who are almost overwhelmed by the odds against them. It is the big brother in the family who stands between the little brother and danger. It ought to be not the duty but the joy of all our churches to line up with our State Mission work. One hundred and fifty missionaries are at work in the State under the board. These men of God preached more than ten thousand sermons and baptized more than two thousand persons within the last year. Many of these sermons were preached in sections destitute of gospel privileges. The good seed which they are sowing will bear its blessed fruit through coming years. Our Baptist host is a mighty army as to numbers, but we are painfully lacking in efficiency. Our State Board, always alert and intelligent, is addressing itself to the enlistment of the unenlisted; and calling out as far as possible those who have a name to live and are dead. We would heartily commend this department of the work and hope it will be vigorously prosecuted through the coming years. We earnestly request that every pastor keep before his people the great work of our State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

O. A. Abee

Discussed by Bro. W. R. Bradshaw. The report was adopted.

The Association adjourned one hour, with prayer by Bro. R. G. Short.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After song and a prayer by Rev. W. F. Hull, the Moderator called the Association to order.

Bro. Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville and Bro. Charlie Hill, of Hickory First Church, were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body.

A. J. Wacaster reads the following report on:

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your committee on State of Churches, submit the following: As far as we can learn, the spiritual condition of churches are good, with the exception of one. The total gain in our Association being 402. Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Abernethy,
F. J. Leatherman,
A. J. Wacaster.

A. J. Wacaster preferred a charge against Mt. Gilead church for refusing to accept Amos Swink's acknowledgements of his faults.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to investigate this church and advise them what to do: J. J. Waldrop, R. G. Short, W. F. Hull, S. H. Upton, J. E. Wilson, O. A. Abee, R. B. Abernethy, F. J. Leatherman, L. A. Bumgardner, A. P. Bumgardner, J. H. Cook, D. A. Fulbright, W. A. Kelley, Will Leadford, George Hilderbrand, S. A. Stroup.

J. J. Waldrop reads the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

There are seventy-five more children at the orphanage than there have ever been before. The Kennedy Home was opened last summer and fifty children are there. The cost per capita of supporting the children is a little the raise of $107.00 a year. This includes not only the food and clothing of the children but the salaries of the employees and all the running expenses of the institution. We would urge the churches to make a liberal offering at Thanksgiving. Cannot each member of our Association, having an income, set apart the price of one days work to the orphanage on Thanksgiving day? We would also urge all our Sunday Schools to take a monthly collection for the Orphanage.

Discussed by Bro. Archibald Johnson. The report was adopted.

Bro. J. B. Bivens reads the following report on:

HOME MISSIONS

We believe that the greatest effort of the Baptist of the South is being put forth through the Home Hission Board. It has as its field the Southern States and several of the isles of the sea. The results of the labors have been marvelous—hundreds and thousands have been converted and many new churches have been built all over the Southern states, through their efforts. The Home Mission Board is worthy of the support of the churches of the South. For further information we refer you to "Our Home Field" published in Atlanta, Ga.

W. F. Hull, Chmn.

Discussed by Bro. A. W. Setzer and W. F. Hull. The report was adopted.

Bro. G. W. Hilderbrand reads the following report on:

TIME AND PLACE

That Pisgah be the place of the next session of the South Mountain Association to be held Thursday after the fourth Sunday in Oct. 1915. Bro. O. A. Abee to preach the introductory sermon. S. A. Stroup, Alternate.

W. F. Hull, Chmn.

The report was adopted.

After song, "Rock of Ages" the Association adjourned, with prayer by R. G. Short.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After song, "How Firm a Foundation" the Association was called to order by the Moderator and led in prayer by R. B. Abernethy.

By motion and vote each church in this Association was requested to bring a history of their church with their next years report in separate form.

By motion and vote the resolution was passed to amend Section 15 of Rules of Order, of constitution, by striking out three and inserting five, in lieu thereof.

By motion and vote the following resolution was passed:

That no church in this Association contribute less than it did last year, but that every church earnestly endeavor to make a substantial increase and contribute something to every conventional object.

Bro. J. B. Bivens reads the following report on:

FOREIGN MISSION

Our supreme business is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ per his last request, Mat. 28: 19-20—"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." A hundred years ago it looked as if that time belonged to the far off years, but during the last quarter of a century God has so wonderfully blessed the efforts of our missionaries in preaching the gospel in the foreign field and converting the heathen by the thousands from heathendom, to the glorious light of the gospel, that it now seems possible that in the near future the kingdom of our Lord shall be established in every nation of the world.

George Hildebrand, Chmn.

Discussed by Bro C. E. Beaver, W. F. Hull and J. E. Wilson. The report was adopted.

J. E. Wilson reads the following report on:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your Committee on Sunday Schools desires to call attention to the Sunday School Organization of our North Carolina Baptist. To its operation, its numbers, its achievements and its aims. This is not a new enterprise. Since 1835 we have had Sunday School agents or secretaries working under the State Board. Prof. E. L. Middleton is the present and eighth secretary. A part of the time this work was maintained entirely from State Mission Fund. Since 1908 the Sunday School Mission Fund has paid expenses, with aid of from $200 to $500 annually from the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

The enterprise has been blessed so abundantly and its growth so rapid that there are now nearly as many Sunday Schools as churches. We have 25,000 more people in our Sunday Schools than any other state of the Southern Baptist Convention. The organizations are more up-to-date and the teachers are being trained for this great work. Now let us see what the conditions in North Carolina are so we may realize more clearly the extent of the work to be done:

In North Carolina there are 245,000 Baptist. In the Baptist Sunday Schools of North Carolina 190,000 members of the 245,000 Baptist. 85,000 belong to the Sunday School, 160,000 do not; of the 190,000 Sunday School members 85,000 church members, 105,000 are not. What are you doing to enlist the 160,000 church members not in Sunday School or to save the 105,000 unsaved in Sunday School?

J. E. Wilson

Report discussed by J. E. Wilson and C. E. Beaver. The report was adopted.

The Association was led in prayer by Bro. C. E. Beaver and adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Alas and did my Savior bleed."

Prayer by Bro. J. B. Bivens.

The Moderator appointed W. F. Hull, R. G. Short, S. A. Stroup and J. J. Waldrop to inspect the condition of the churches not represented and urge them to make a report to the Association next year.

Bro. W. F. Hull reads the following resolution of:

THANKS

Resolve, That the thanks of this Association is due and hereby tendered to the members of this church and community for the kindness and hospitality extended to us during this session of this Association.

The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. W. F. Hull reads the following report on:

OBITUARIES

Your committee on obituaries would offer the following report:

Since our last Association many of our members have departed this life. Space forbids us to mention all the names.

As we were driving into the neighborhood of this church, under a clear sky with hearts set for a pleasant association, with our brethren and friends and as the sun was going down to leave the shades of night upon us, a darker night fell upon us when the sad news came to us that Sister Stroup (wife of Rev. S. A. Stroup. pastor of the entertaining church) had died suddenly. Surely the Lord has spoken to us in this dispensation of his providence.

Sister Stroup was loved by all who knew her. She was called in the prime of life and has entered into the rest of the Redeemed.

W. F. Hull

Rev. C. E. Beaver reads the following:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That the South Mountain Association, in session with Wilkie's Grove church, wishes to express its sympathy to Rev. S. A. Stroup in the sad bereavement that he has sustained in the loss of his dearly beloved wife who was a member of this, the entertaining church. We pray the blessings of heaven may sustain him in this sad hour.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to report next year.

Foreign Missions.....J. J. Waldrop
Home Missions .....A. J. Wacaster
State Missions.....R. G. Short
Orphanage.....O. A. Abee
Sunday Schools.....L. H. Bumgardner
Periodicals.....J. B. Bivens
Old Minister's Relief.....W. F. Hull
Education.....S. A. Stroup
Correspondents to the Baptist State Convention.....
.....J. J. Waldrop, O. A. Abee, S. A. Stroup

A. A. Hudson reads the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Education is one of the essentials to success and happiness. An educated person is worth more to the church and state than the same person could be uneducated. Therefore the church and state should be interested in education.

We have two systems of school. The one maintained by the

state and the other by the church. The state undertakes to furnish elementary education for all the children. It has not yet succeeded, but the system should be enlarged until it is at last possible for every child to get an elementary education. The state cannot meet the religious demands of the individual, because it cannot teach religion. Man is a religious being and the education that does not meet the religious need is not complete.

We have two colleges and fourteen high schools. They are guardians of our faith. We must fortify them with equipment and endowment and support them with our patronage and thus develop a highly cultivated and deeply spiritual people.

The report was discussed by Charlie Hill and R. B. Abernethy. The report was adopted.

On motion by W. F. Hull the Association adjourned to meet at Pisgah Oct. 29, 1915.

Benediction by S. A. Stroup.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOLLOWING

Sunday at 9:30: Devotional exercises by Charlie Hill.

10:00 A. M.: Sunday School Mass Meeting, led by J. E. Wilson.

11:00 A. M.: Sermon by J. J. Waldrop. Text: Gen. 3: 9.

Benediction by R. B. Abernethy.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Association."

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

3. This Association ought not to have, and shall not have any power to legislate; but may frame rules and devise plans, as an advisory council, for the faithful administration of the law of Christ.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective churches.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of votes required to elect.

6. No person shall be eligible to office who is not a member of this body.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all meetings for business, and the Clerk shall be required to keep or make faithful record of all transactions of the Association, and may act as Treasurer at the request of the Association.

8. Newly constituted churches may be received as constituent members of this body, upon giving satisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy in faith and practice.

9. This Constitution may be changed or amended at any time by two-thirds of the members concurring.

10. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates which has fifty members or under, one more delegate for twenty-five members over fifty.

11. Each ordained minister of this Association in good standing shall be ex-officio member of this body.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting of business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the Moderator or some one whom he may appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Association.

4. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

5. During the hours of business all private conversation, walking across or out of the room, without permission of the Moderator first obtained, shall be considered a breach of order.

6. The delegates' names shall be called every day previous to proceeding to business.

7. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and handed to the Moderator before debated.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order here arranged. No motion nor proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for reconsideration the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Association.

11. No member shall absent himself from the service without leave of the Association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution

shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the Moderator fail to enforce the rules and regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and may be reminded of his duty by any member present.

14. The Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Perodicals, Sabbath Schools, Redestricting Association, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

15. Also an executive committee, to consist of five persons, and a finance committee of two, to continue for twelve months.

TABLE 1—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			No. of Males	No. of Females	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
							By Baptisms	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Abee's Chapel.	S. A. Stroup..	Hickory, R 5	L Heavner....	Connelly Spr..	2 S	800	1	1	...	...	6	2	40	58	98
Corinth.....	Amos Swink...	Connelly S. R 3	J G McNeiley	Lawndale, R 1	4 S	500	...	3	3	3	...	...	10	19	29
Connelly Sprg.	A. W. Setzer..	Maiden	J E Wilson....	Rutherford Col	3 S	800	13	4	...	5	...	1	44	64	108
Hull's Grove ..	J A. Hoyle...	Maiden	D A Hull.....	Henry	3 S	1,000	6	3	...	6	2	...	47	68	115
Mull's Chapel..	S. A. Stroup..	Hickory, R 5..	J M Rhoney...	Connelly S. R 3	4 S	500	3	1	...	2	...	...	27	31	58
Mt. Gilead....	W. B. Mull....	Connelly S. R 3	V L Talent...	Connelly S. R 3	1 S	.....	1	1	1	4	5	...	31	58	89
Mt. Vernon....	C. M. Robinson	Cherryville ..	FJ Leatherman	Henry, R 2....	2 S	500	16	...	...	...	1	1	45	80	125
Mt. Zion	J. F. Withers.	Shelby, R 3...	R R Price.....	Lawndale, R 1	4 S	500	1	5	...	...	...	1	24	45	69
Olive Grove...	W. B. Mull ...	Connelly S. R 3	D Workman ..	Casar, R 1	4 S	400	3	1	...	...	...	1	39	78	117
Pisgah.....	W. B. Mull ...	Connelly S. R 3	L H Bumg'dn'r	Casar	3 S	1,000	1	...	...	1	...	1	42	57	99
St. John	S. A. Stroup .	Hickory, R 5..	J Q Vanhorn..	Connelly S. R 2	3 S	900	9	1	...	...	...	...	15	51	66
Shoup's Grove	O. A. Abee....	Rutherford Col.	H D Starnes ..	Connelly S. R 2	2 S	600	19	5	...	...	2	2	68	89	157
St. Paul.	R. G. Short ...	Cleveland Mills	J W Rick	Belwood	2 S	400	40	1	3	2	19	3	...	...	203
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Cook....	Casar, R. 1	J P Denton ...	Connelly S. R 3	2 S	600	3	1	3	13	2	4	60	40	100
Wilkie's Grove	S. A. Stroup ..	Hickory, R 5..	A A Hudson ..	Henry	2 S	800	13	3	15	3	1	...	34	85	119
Zion Hill	R. G. Short ...	Cleveland Mills	J N Gayles....	Connelly S. R 3	....	....	...	5	...	7	...	2	73	109	182
Beulah.....	S. A. Stroup ..	Hickory, R 5..	Wm Johnson..	Henry, R 3....	3 S	500	5	1	...	2	1	...	14	25	39
Walker's Chap.	A. J. Wacaster	Cleveland Mills	J W Keller ...	Cleveland Mills	3 S	.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
				Total		9,800	134	36	25	48	39		613	957	1,833

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	TOTAL
Abee's Chapel	60 00	.....	23 18	80	.....	80	2 60	2 60	2 60	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 54
Corinth	20 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	80	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 80
Connelly Springs	150 00	.....	6 00	43 74	15 00	2 00	10 00	12 50	21 25	1 00	85 20	1 00	1 00	1 00	40 00	338 69
Hulls Grove	72 00	.....	.....	8 90	.....	1 75	15 11	1 00	1 00	.....	10 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	110 76
Mulls Chapel	48 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	4 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 33
Mt. Gilead	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	29 00
Mt. Vernon	61 00	.....	4 00	35 00	.....	1 60	5 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	4 00	.....	4 00	129 60
Mt. Zion	50 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	79 50
Olive Grove	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	80	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 80
Pisgah	25 53	12 64	.....	2 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	62 11
St. John	50 00	66 70	1 00	7 00	.....	1 10	1 00	1 00	3 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	134 80
Shoups Grove	43 40	58 75	16 00	4 95	22 15	60	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	153 40
St. Paul	77 30	.....	.....	3 92	5 45	.....	3 40	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	4 36	99 03
Pleasant Grove	25 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 20	60	2 00	50	.....	1 00	50	1 00	.....	.....	31 80
Wilkies Grove	60 00	154 25	72 15	5 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	.....	6 50	.....	2 67	.....	15 00	351 57
Zion Hill	60 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	1 20	2 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	5 30	77 20
Beulah	45 00	37 85	.....	11 60	.....	1 70	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 15
Walkers Chapel	40 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 20
Mountain View	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smiths Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holly Brook	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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TABLE III.--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	Superintendent	Post Office	Secretary	Post Office	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contribution
Abees Chapel..	S.S.Hilderbran	Connelly S.	.....	.....	1	3	26	30	15	3	...	80	....	..	...	80
Beulah.....	J. E. Huffman	Henry, R 3.	J. A. Costner	Henry, R. 3	1	8	100	108	13	12	3	11 60	....	...	...	11 60
Connelly Sprgs.	J. F. Cook	Connelly S.	A. S. Wilson	Rutherford C.	1	6	75	81	60	12	11	43 75	3 20	7 00	...	53 95
Corinth.....	W. M. Walker	Casar	J. H. Hoyle	Casar, R. 1	1	6	45	51	...	6	...	3 00	....	...	...	3 00
Hulls Grove....	J. T. Taylor	Reepsville, R 2	Miss B. Willis	Henry, R. 1	1	7	142	149	75	6	6	8 90	....	...	...	8 90
Mulls Chapel..	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	....	...	...	.....
Mt. Gilead....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	....	...	...	.....
Mt. Zion.....	L. L. Wilkie	Casar, R 1.	Rolin Price	Casar, R. 1	1	6	38	44	...	...	...	.....	....	...	...	.....
Mt. Vernon...	S. H. Upton	Henry	J G Leath'm'n	Henry	1	8	92	100	60	12	14	35 00	....	5 50	...	40 50
Olive Grove...	George Pruette	Connelly S. R 3	C. Cook	Casar, R. 1	1	6	50	56	20	9	1	5 00	....	...	...	3 00
Pisgah.....	N. C. Parker	Casar	A. Parkes	Casar	1	7	40	47	20	6	...	2 00	...	...	...	2 00
Shoups Grove..	R. B. Abernethy	Hilderbran	H. D. Starnes	Connelly S.	1	6	77	83	55	12	7	6 50	....	...	...	6 50
St. Paul.....	I. A. Cook	Belwood	C. C. Crotts	Belwood	1	9	94	103	50	6	21	3 92	...	...	...	3 92
St John.....	J. A. Huffman	Connelly S.	W A Corswell	Connelly S.	1	5	69	74	...	...	...	.....	....	...	...	.....
Wilkies Grove.	A. A. Hudson	Henry	A A Hudson Jr	Henry	1	5	76	81	50	12	13	5 00	....	6 50	..	11 50
Zion Hill.....	R. G. Short	Cleveland Mills	J. N. Gayles	Connelly S.	1	7	40	47	...	6	...	3 00	3 50	5 00	5 00	16 50
Pleasant Grove	T. R. Smith	Connelly S.	Kelley Smith	Connelly S.	1	4	40	44	25	6	..	1 50	....	...	...	1 50
Walkers Chap.	P. Huffman				1	...	...	20	...	...	...	.....	....	...	...	.....
Mountain View																
Smiths Chapel																
Fellowship																
Holly Brook																
				Grand Total	16	93	1004	1118	443		76	127 97	6 70	24 00	5 00	$163.67

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Fifth Annual Session of The South Mountain Baptist Association met with Pisgah Church two miles North of Casar, in Cleveland County, North Carolina, on the 28th day of October 1915.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28th

11:00 A. M. Introductory Sermon by S. A. Stroup. Text Proverbs

11:30 Adjourn till 1:00

1:00 P. M. Devotional exercises by R. B. Abernathy

Committee to Catawba River Association reported letter for Pleasant Grove Church, by W. F. Hull

Committee to investigate Mt. Gilead Church, with reference to irregularities Committee report favorable Report adopted.

Called roll of Churches and enrolled delegates as follows:

Pleasant Grove, J. R. Carswell, J. P. Denton, J. L. Denton, M. K. Swink, J. R. Huffman.

Wilkies Grove, G. W. Hilderbrand, A. A. Hudson, S. A. Stroup.

St. Pauls—J. W. Ritch, A. P. Bumgardner, C. C. Crotts, A. M. Crotts, J. M. Cook, Harrison Cook.

Olive Grove—D. D. Cook, David Wortman, W. S. Johnson, Scott Buff.

Mt. Vernon—P. M. Leatherman, L. H. Blanton, J. J Waldrop, Lonnie Hoyle, F. J. Leatherman.

Zion Hill—W. S. Hoyle, R. P. Buff, J. A. Hudson.

Mt. Zion—L. L. Wilis, James Richard,

Mt. Gilead—W. H. York, J. C. Talent, Anderson Conipe, Fred Talent.

Hull's Grove—J. C. Martin, W. L. Houser, W. P. Brendle.

Shoup's Grove—R. B. Abernethy, M. L. Lowman, Geo. Lowman.

Bulah –J. E, Huffman, A. J. Yancy, W. M. Johnson H. E. Goodson.

Corinth—M. J. Hoyle, David Hoyle

Abee's Chapel—John Lowman

Connelly Springs—O. A. Abee, J. E Wilson, Walter Berry, W. W. Berry,

Walker's Chapel—J. W. Keller.

Next in order was to elect moderator and Clerk which resulted in J. E, Wilson for moderator and A. P. Bumgardner for Clerk.

An invitation to visiting Brethern was extended. F. H. Poston, of Green River Association, and J. F. Weathers, of Sandy Run Association were wolcomed.

On motion names of chair committee were called and responded as being ready with reports.

Connelly Springs having ask for next session, the association unanimously agreed to go there next year. The following committee were appointed;

Committee on time and preacher for introductory.

O. A. Abee, J. J. Waldrop, and W. A. Keller.

Committee obituaries. J. H. Cook, R. G Short, R. B. Abernethy.

Committee on arrangements: L. H. Bumgardner, S. A. Stroup, J. J. Waldrop.

Committe on religious exercises: L. H. Bumgardner, Amos Pruette, Azor Pruette, Julius Pruette, and H. W. Bumgardner.

On motion the History Committee were reappointed as follows: A. P. Bumgardner, W. F. Hull, and Frank Leatherman.

Moved and passed that this Committee write a circular letter, of one hundred and fifty questions, in order to get the history of this Association: That this letter be sent to each church for answers.

On motion: The Clerk is allowed to solicit clean advertising matter with minntes to help in the distrbu-

tion of same.

On motion took up temperance. Report as follows:

YOUR COMMITTEE OFFER:

Proverbs 20: 1. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Is. 5: 11-23: and Hab. 2: 15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink; that puttest thy bottle to him and makest him drunken. Christianity has led in every great uplift for humanity by molding sentiment.

Brethern: we can drive this monster drink from our land if we will. First, by abstaining ourselves. Second, by electing men to fill the places of office who cannot be induced to drink. And third, by helping to sustain the demands of law.

Now if you stand by and see one of your fellow men slay another and you do nothing to prevent it, our laws against murder presumes that you are accessory to the crime and will hold you ameniable.

God's Holy Law is certainly more pure and holds us responsible to see to it that the bottle is not put.

Respectfully, A. P. Bumgardner, W. W. Berry, W. S. Johnson.

Discussed by S. A. Stroup, A. A. Hudson, Eld, W. F. Hull, A. W. Keller, R. B. Abernathy.

Report adopted.

Report on hospitalities heard.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning.

Benediction Prayer by F. H. Poston.

FRIDAY MORNING 9:30

Devotional exercises by A. W. Setzer.

Correspondence. C. M. Williams was recognized.

Visitors were ask for.

W. R. Bradshaw representing State Missions. C. M. Robinson from Kings Mountain, and A. W. Setzer of South Fork were recognized.

Report on education as follows:

We ought to have impressed upon us anew: that

our educational system is absolutely essential to our highest denominational wellbeing. Without our schools we could never have attained to what we have. With our better faculties of today; the outlook is brighter than ever before; yet we have not attained to all we hope for. There is much remaining to be done.

We feel that our schools are the guardains of our faith. We must fortify them with equipment and endowment, and support them with our patronage, and then develop our people. Let us remember, that if we have ever so good schools, as long as our people attend other schools ours are not doing what they might do.

Respt. submitted, S. A. Stroup.

Spoken to by C. M. Robinson, J. E. Wilson, A. W. Setzer, F. H. Poston, and W. R. Bradshaw, ammended as follows: Resolved, that this association fall in line with the other associations; with reference to our contributions to christian education.

Report with amendment adopted.

On motion the report on Periodicals was read as follows:

We your committee reccomend that each pastor in the South Mountain Association be requested to insist that the records be placed in every Baptist Home in this Association.

We also recommend Charity and Children and the Home Field. We believe that these religious papers are not only instructive, but that they inspire people to a more active and a higher christian life.

We regret that only a small number of our people read our own religious periodicals.

Respectfully, Amos Swink

Discussed bv C. M. Robinson, W. R. Bradshaw, W. F. Hull, J. E. Wilson.

Report adopted.

Moved and passed to adjourn till 1:00 P. M. Prayer by Amos Swink.

Friday 1:00 P. M.

Prayer by C. M. Robinson.

Report on Orphanage read by O. A. Abee.

A Few Facts and Figures

Number of children (450 at Thomasville 50 at Kennedy home)	500
Annual cost for the support of a child	$ 113.28
Daily cost for the support of a child	.31
Annual cost for the support of 500 children	56,640.00
Daily cost for the support of 500 children	157.50
Current fund year ending June 15th	46,941.73
Net income from printing office	5,522.91
Farm products consumed (estimated)	10,183.24
Milk consumed year ending June 15th	23,876 gallons.
Permanent improvements at Thomasville (this year)	18,760.87
Permanent improvements at Kennedy Home (this year)	3,628.07
Number of employees, 10 men and 31 women	41

The Orphanage is one of the mightiest forces and recruiting agencies in all the land. It is a character builder. During its thirty years of continued growth 1,600 boys and girls have gone out into the world as teachers, preachers, doctors, printers, farmers, business men and fathers and mothers of happy homes. There are 9 in our various colleges and about a dozen in our denominational high schools.

A light house is better than a life boat. "Save an adult and you save a unit, save a child and you save a multicplication table." May we not count on you for your heartiest sympathy, your earnest prayer and a goodly portion of your means?

"One Day for the Orphanage"

At the Thanksgiving time we urge again an offering for the Orphanage from every man, woman and child, equal to the price of one day's work or income. We want this to grow into a permanent and universal Baptist custom in North Carolina.

The opening of the Kennedy Home with fifty children and the enlargement of the work here by the addition of the Miles Durham nursery have increased our number by seventy five. This increase alone makes a pretty good little Orphanage.

Owing to the large advance that has been made within the past year, along with war prices on most of staple articles of living, the Orphanage is heavily in debt,—almost to the limit of our ability to borrow. Our debt is right around $35,000.00 with about $20,000.00 in assets, but these assets are not available for sometime to come. This constitutes the most serious situation the Orphanage has ever confronted.

But if every pastor and every Sunday school superintendent and everybody else who gets this appeal from any source will press this WORK DAY plan the debt will be wiped out gloriously.

O. A. ABEE Chmn.
W. M. JOHNSON.

Spoken to by O. A. Abee, S. A. Stroup, A. W. Stezer, W. R. Bradshaw, A. P. Bumgardner, J. E. Wilson.

Report adopted.

2:30: Report on Foreign Mission read by J. J. Waldrop.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our Foreign Mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament Religion. The non Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and enquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and eighteen state members representing each state in cooperation with the Southern Baptist convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan, and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the Gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico by political conditions in that country, 5,190 Baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of $624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every Association and every state. We should not for a moment think of anything less and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an Association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church

inaugurate a plan of systematic weekly or monthly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That we as an Association, respond to the request made by the Executive Committee of the State Board of Commissions, (which was published in the Recorder of January 27th, 1915) to raise not only $50.00 but $150.00 for Foreign Missions this conventional year.

3. That each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world wide work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WALDROP
P. M. LEATHERMAN
WALTER BERRY

Subject discussed by J. J. Waldrop, W. R. Bradshaw, W. R. Bradshaw spoke with pathos and enthusiasm.

Report adopted.

Committee on time and preachers for next Association.

Name of Rev. W. F. Hull to preach the introductory, R. G. Short alternate.

Time: Thursday after the 4th Sunday in Oct. 1916. at 11:00 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WALDROP
O. A. ABEE
W. A. KELLER

Adjourned till 7:30 tonight.

Benediction prayer by J. H. Cook.

Friday Night—7:30

J. E. Wilson in the chair.

Prayer by A. P. Bumgardner.

Moderator announces that this is to be an informal

meeting for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to this Association.

First: To organize a pastor's conference.

Elds. W. A. Setzer, R. G. Short, S. A. Stroup, J. J. Waldrop and O. A. Abee come forward and took seats and were addressed by W. R. Bradshaw with an interesting talk on unity.

On motion of S. A. Stroup and sustained by J. J. Waldrop, W. A. Setzer was made chairman and O. A. Abee, secretary of preachers conference.

Then passed to the subject of Thanksgiving services the last Thursday in November. Moderator J. E. Wilson led in talk.

Followed by S. A. Stroup, R. G. Short, A. P. Bumgardner, A. W. Setzer, J. J. Waldrop, Amos Swink, C. M. Robinson. A good number stood to feet that they would give one days proceeds to the Orphanage on that day.

After which J. E. Wilson made a talk on the blessings of Woman's Societies in our denomination and urged the pastors to make an effort to organize clubs in all their churches.

Song and benediction by A. W. Setzer.

Saturday Morning 9:30

Moderator in the chair.

Devotional exercises by O. A. Abee.

Read and approved minutes of preceding day.

J. E. Wilson spoke on digest of churches and declared gains in every line, from facts gleaned from church letters.

On motion of J. J. Waldrop, was unanimously elected by aclimation as member of the State Mission Board.

At this juncture an invitation to visitors was given.

A. J. Cook responded from South Fork Association and was welcomed.

The Executive Committees were announced as follows:

J. E. Wilson, F. J. Leatherman, James Huffman, L.

H. Bumgardner and W. F. Hull.

10:30 A. M.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Read by L. H. Bumgardner, as follows:

We need many things in our S. S.—better building and equipments, larger enrollment, better average attendance, better organization or grading, better trained teachers and more of them, more spiritial power.

Will we ever get all these things?

Not until we have reached a larger part of our church members in sympathetic cooperative work in the S. S.

To do this ought to become a definite task in every church.

What are the conditions among North Carolina Baptists?

First: It is reasonably well established that not over 35 per cent of our church members are now enlisted in any S. S. If this is true we have enrolled 85,000 of them and 160,000 belong to no Sunday School.

2. The attendance is very irregular.

If 60 per cent is the average atendance, and it is not this much, we have only about 50,000 present on our Sunday School and 195,000 absent.

To improve this condition is one of our tasks.

3. Fully fifty five per cent of our Sunday school membership are not church memmebers. This gives us 105 000 unsaved people already in our schools, besides the thousands of others now being reached by no one.

4. There are 270,000 babies in our state too young to go to Sunday school, but getting old enough at the rate of about 65,000 a year. Nearly half the church membership of the state are Baptists and this puts half of this responsibility on us.

5. There are many thousands who cannot go to Sunday school for various physical reasons. We call them shut-ins or shut-outs. They ought to be reached for the Sunday School through the Home Department.

6. There are outside of all the above classes at least

1,000,000 other people old enough and well enough and not reached by any Sunday school. We are under obligations to try to reach about half of these.

Resectfully Submitted

L. H. BUMGARDNER

Discussed by C M. Robinson, A. A. Hudson.

Report adopted.

10:30 A. M.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Read by R. G. Short, as follows:

Light—never came apart from responsibility. As we ourselves are made free by the Divine Truth: We must see that others at least have a chance to hear and know. We as a denomination have a chance to hear and know.

We as a denomination have the light and the truth in a measure that other denominations cannot claim.

Realizing this we know to whomsoever much is given of him much shall be required.

As we know, so are we obligated to do. But how are we to do this work?

Missions are one. When Christ our Saviour died, He died once for all people and in His command, He said, begin at Jerusalem. As a denomination we must follow the Great Command. Beginning in Jerusalem, but by no means are we to stop within our own borders. To do that is to disregard the Bible teaching and to foster a narrow spirit. We are not to argue that, so long as there are unsaved in our own state. We should spend all our efforts here in North Carolina.

Suppose such had been the case in the past, we would have never heard of Christ, the Saviour of men. In our every effort to advocate State Missions. We only do as our Master did. When He went first to the lost sheep of the House of Israel and later went out for the world.

Such humanity is never saved in masses. But individual We do well to see that all have a chance to hear the good news. God has from the very first made fully

blessed our State Mission enterprizes. Thousands have been led to Christ who might not have heard of Him, But for the work of our State Mission Board. Many of our strongest churches of today were first Mission stations or at least received aid from our State Board. Our Board has worked well in the past, but we find no place to stop, yea the world at large calls for the continuance and enlargement of State Missions, which is our first work as a church in bringing the world to the Christ.

The need in the past was to know how to carry on the missionary enterprize in the face of poverty. But now we have to face great opportunities and prosperity.

Oh! That we might concetrate our wealth, God's wealth and ourselves to his service.

Never in all our history has there been a greater need for our people to realize their religion in practical affairs. We are taught to be wise as serpents and this wisdom will impel us to seek the salvation of our own State. For when a nation's religion wanes the people go down in ruin.

We in our State must stand up against many doctrines that are only meant to mislead.

Some teach the child as if he had never been out of the Kingdom and he will always look up on himself and act as a member of the Kingdom.

This would look beautiful.

But from the fact, ye must be born anew. We as Baptist must still combat error as we proclaim the vital truths, repent, believe and be baptized.

Our task is this and will not be finished until we have placed a Baptist minister and a Baptist church in every community within our borders. If we are to do the best work in State Missions, we should give during the entire year in a systematic way and not wait until the close of the Conventional year to help in this work.

We recommend that this body do all we can to interest the several churches in State Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. SHORT, A. G. HUDSON

Spoken to by R. G. Short and W. R. Bradshaw.

Report adopted.

Adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

Moderator in chair.

Song service and prayer by S. H. Upton.

A call to visitors. J. Z. Falls of Kings Mountain was welcomed.

Elder J. J. Waldrop offered the following resolution.

Resolved: That the thanks of this body is due and is hereby tendered to Pisgah Church and the good people of this community for the kind hospitality they have shown in the way and in which they have entertained this body during this sessson of this Association.

J. J. WALDROP

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Saturday

1:00 P. M. Song and praise service.

1:15 P. M. Miscellaneous.

Appointed committees to write reports for 1916, as follows:

Foreign Missions, S. A. Stroup; Home Missions, O. A. Abee; State Missions, J. J. Waldrop; Orphanage, F. J. Leatherman; Sunday Schools. A. A. Bumgardner; Periodicals, Geo. Hildebrand; Christian Education, A. W. Setzer; Temperance, W. F. Hull; Ministerial Relief, J. H. Cook.

1:30 P. M.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Read as follows, by C. W. Williams.

Our own South land is the greatest territory of Baptist in the world. In this territory there are more than thirty million white people and about ten million negroes. There are nearly three million white Baptist and about one million negro Baptist

This is indeed a great field and our people are doing much work and much more remains to be done. Our Home Mission Board is establishing churches in needy cities, and in every way possible giving the Gospel to

those who could not otherwise have it.

Perhaps no greater work is being done by this Board than that of building and supporting a system of schools in the mountains of the South. This work was begun sixteen years ago. More than six thousand young people have graduated from these schools. More than three hundred of these have entered the ministry and more than two thousand are teachers.

We heartily indorse the work of this Board and insist that our Association do all they can in the future to assist in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

Moved and passed that Bro. Williams make the speech on Home Missions. Bro. Williams responded with an interesting speech.

Report adopted.

Moved and passed that Elder W. F. Hull read report on Old Ministers Relief, and that he only make a speech on this topic.

Report read as follows:

It is the unwelcome heritage of man, that he should become feeble and helpless when he is old. Ministers are no exceptions to this rule. Our aged fathers in the ministry have fought well. They have stood as mighty bulwarks of power against the onslought of sin.

Christ through them has left to us, as their successors a high way of success, a door of opportunity.

Therefore we believe it is our duty to take care of our old veterans of the cross. We heartily recommend that each church celebrate a day this year and make a special offering to this object.

Respectfully submitted,

Discussed by Elder W. F. Hull.

Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries was called for and read by J. H. Cook, as follows:

Your committe beg leave to make the following report.

From facts gleened from the church letters our losses have been 19 this year. Among these were Naomi Settelmire, who was born Feb. 2, 1855 and died Aug. 31, 1915. A faithful and consecrated member of Pleasant Grove Baptist church for 42 years. A good and beloved sister indeed has gone to be with Jesus whom she loved and served those long 42 years.

Respectfully submitted

J. H. COOK R. B. ABERNETHY R. G. SHORT

Report adopted.

The report of Finance Committee was called for and read by L. H. Bumgardner. See finance tables. There was need for more funds for minutes. A collection was taken to supplement this need.

Thus ended the business of the Association.

The committee on Religious exercises announced that C. M. Robinson would preach at 7:30 that night and F. H. Poston at 11:30 tomorrow.

Benediction prayer by W. F. Hull.

Saturday Evening

7:30 P. M. Sermon by C. M. Robinson, from Matt 9:9. Follow Me.

Sunday Morning

10:00 A. M. Devotional exercises by O. A. Abee. Short talks by others.

11:00 A. M. Sermon by F. H. Poston. Text, Mark 5:9. Theme, Cooperation with God. This was a great effort and many were glad.

Adjourned to meet with the Connelly Surings Church on Thursday at 11:00 A. M. following the fourth Sunday in Oct. 1916. Elder W. F. Hull to preach the introductory, R. G. Short alternate.

A meeting of great spiritual power closes.

J. E. WILSON, Moderator.

A. P. BAUMGARDNER, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Association."

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

3. This Association ought not to have, and shall not have any power to legislate; but may frame rules and devise plans, as an advisory council, for the faithful administration of the law of Christ.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective churches.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of votes required to elect.

6. No person shall be eligible to office who is not a member of this body.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all meetings for business, and the Clerk shall be required to keep or make faithful record of all transactions of the Association, may act as Treasurer at the request of the Association.

8. Newly constituted churches may be received as constituent members of this body, upon giving satisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy in faith and practice.

9. This constitution may be changed or amended at any time by two- thirds of the members concurring.

10. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates which has fifty members or under, one more delegate for twenty-five members over fifty.

11. Each ordained minister of this Association in good standing shall be ex-officio member of this body.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting of business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the Moderator or some one whom he may appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Association

Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

5. During the hours of business all private conversation, walking across or out of the room, without permission of the Moderator first obtained, shall be considered a breach of order.

6. The delegates' names shall be called every day previous to proceeding to business.

7. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by by the mover and handed to the Moderator before debated.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table or to amend: which motions shall have precedence in the order here arranged. No motion nor proposition different from that under conideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for reconsideration the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Association .

11. No member shall absent himself from the ser-

vice without leave of the association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the Moderator fail to enforce the rules and regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and may be reminded of his duty by any member present.

14 The Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Perodicals, Sabbath Schools, Redestricting Association, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

15. Also an executive committee, to consist of five persons, and a finance committee of two, to continue for twelve months.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS By Baptism	GAINS By Letter	GAINS By Restoration	LOSSES By Letter	LOSSES By Exclusion	LOSSES By Death	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Abees Chapel	S. A. Stroup, Hickory, R-5	Horace Abee, Connelly Spgs. R-1	2nd	$ 800	5	--	1	10	23	1	20	47	67
Beulah	S. A. Stroup, Hickory, R-5	W. M. Johnson, Henry R-3	3rd	-----	--	--	--	2	5	--	10	22	32
Connelly Spgs.	A. W. Sitzer, Maiden	J. E. Wieson, Rutherford College	3rd	800	10	6	--	4	--	--	50	71	121
Cornith	J. H. Cook, Casar R-1	J. G. McNealy, Lawndale R-1	4th	500			--	2	--	--	19	18	27
Hull's Grove	S. A. Stroup, Hickory R-5	D. A. Hull, Henry R	4th	1000	3	--	--	--	--	--	30	61	91
Mull's Chapel	A. A. Abee, Rutherford College	O. O. Phoney, Henry, R-1	4th	500	2	--	--	--	--	--	28	32	60
Mt. Giliad	J. J. Waldrop, Henry, R-3	W. L. Talent, Connelly Spgs. R-3	1st	600	2	2	1	5	3	3	----	----	76
Mt. Zion	J. F. Weathers, Shelby, R-3	P. R. Price, Lawndale R-3	3rd	500	5	5	--	4	--	1	36	37	73
Mt. Vernon	C. M. Robinson, Cherryville, N. C	M. T. Leatherman, Henry R-1	2nd	1000	--	2	--	5	2	2	41	54	95
Olive Grove	P. C. Short, Belwood	David Wortman, Casar R-1	4th	500	1	--	--	8	17	2	32	63	95
Pisgah	A. W. Crabtree	L. H. Bumgardner, Casar	3rd	1000	--	1	--	4	--	--	42	57	99
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Cook, Casar	J. P. Denton, Connelly Spgs. R-3	2nd	500	5	--	--	1	1	--	40	57	97
Shoup's Grove	O. A. Abee, Rutherford College	H. D. Starnes, Connelly S. R-1	2nd	600	24	10	1	5	--	2	85	100	183
St. Paul	R. G. Short, Belwood, N. C.	J. W. Ritch, Belwood, R-1	2nd	400	7	--	1	7	2	2	----	----	202
St. John's	S. A. Stroup, Hickory, R-	Zed Stamey, Connelly Spgs. R-1	3rd	900	4	--	1	1	--	1	20	61	81
Wilkie's Grove	S. A. Stroup, Hickory R-	A. A. Hudson, Henry R	2nd	800	13	2	5	2	5	2	36	92	128
Walkes Chapel	A. J. Wacaster, Connelly S. R-5	J. W. Keller, Connelly Spgs. R	3rd	-----	1	--	--	--	--	--	20	30	50
Zion Hill	R. G. Short, Belwood	J. N. Davis, Connelly Spgs. R-3	3rd	750	1	1	--	1	1	4	72	112	184
Old Zoar	O. A. Abee, Connelly Springs	Waits Hildebrand, Connelly S. R-1	----	-----	8	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	40

Mountain View, Fellowship, Holly Brook, Smith's Chapel—Not represented.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expense	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	TOTAL
Abees Chapel	$ 60 00	$	$13 00	$ 2 00	$	$1 00	$	$2 77	$2 46	2 47	$	$ 2 75	$		$	$	$ 86 45
Beulah	45 00	28 00			7 35			1 00	1 00			1 00					83 35
Connelly Spgs.	150 00		16 00	23 00	13 75	2 00	35 00	5 00	4 00	19 10	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	89 60	366 45
Cornith				6 00		80		50	1 10	50		1 00					9 90
Hull's Grove	72 00					1 16	1 25	2 00	1 00	1 00		15 50		1 22			95 13
Mull's Chapel	35 00			5 00		1 00		1 00	1 20			3 00				9 25	55 25
Mt. Giliad	30 00	108 28		2 40		1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00		8 83	60	1 00			173 11
Mt. Zion	35 00	100 00		5 50		1 00	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50		146 00
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Olive Grove			4 25	2 50		1 00		1 00	1 00			2 00		1 61			15 36
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Zion Hill	60 00	8 00	23 00	3 25		1 35		2 00		2 00		5 00		3 26			107 86
Walkes Chapel	26 39			1 50		40						3 75					32 20
Old Zoar			8 50	3 50	3 50												15 50

Mountain View, Smith's Chapel Fellowship, Holly Brook—Not represented.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFICES	SECRETARIES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Membership	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expense	Missions	Orphanage	Total Contributions
Abees Chapel	Horace Abee, Connelly Spgs.		3	57	60	28	6	3	$	$	$	$
Beulah	J. E. Huffman, Henry R-3	J. A. Costner, Henry R-3	10	66	76		9			2 00	1 00	3 00
Connelly Spgs.	J. F. Cook, Connelly Spgs.	A. S. Wilson, Rutherford Colle	5	60	65	50	12	4	23 00			23 00
Cornith	W. M. Walker, Casar	P. A. Hoyle, Casar R-1	7	69	76	25	6		6 00			6 00
Hull's Grove	J. B. Farmer, Henry	Miss Irola Wilis, Henry	7	164	171	75	12	3	9 00			9 00
Mt. Giliad	G. L. Pruette, Connelly Spgs.	Jula Botts, Connelly Spgs.	5	83	88	15	10		2 40			2 40
Mt. Zion	L. L. Wilis, Casar R-1	Packet Self, Lawndale, R-1	6	34	40	15	12	3	5 00			5 00
Mt. Vernon	S. H. Upton, Henry R-3	Esie Pendleton, Henry R-1	7	80	87	50	12		5 00	2 15	5 25	12 40
Olive Grove	W. S. Johnson, Casar	C. M. Cook, Casar R-1	6	60	66	50	6	1	2 50			2 50
Pisgah	Amos Pruette, Casar	A. D. Parker, Casar R-1	7	45	52		6		3 03			3 03
Shoup's Grove	D. H. Fulbright, Connelly Spgs	H. D. Starnes, Connelly Spgs.	6	65	71	63	9	1	3 37			3 37
St. Paul	I. A. Cook, Belwood R-1	C. C. Crotts, Belwood R-1	10	76	86	50	6	1	3 59			3 59
St. John's	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Spgs.	W. A. Crowell, Connelly Spgs.	6	97	103	20	12	4				
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson Henry		4	50	54	35	12	11	6 00			6 00
Zion Hill	Amos Swink, Connelly Spgs.	J. W. Sain, Cleveland Mills R-1	5	60	65		6					
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Carowell, Connelly Spgs.	John Denton, Connelly Spgs. R	6	72	78		12	4	10 75			10 75
Walkes Chapel	Mrs. S. J. Keller, Connelly Spg	Mrs. W.S.Huffman, Connelly S.	4	40	44	15	12		1 50		3 75	5 25
Mull's Chapel	W. F. Mull, Henry R-3	A. C. Peeler, Henry R-1	6	50	56	40	4	2	5 00			5 00

Mountain View, Smith's Chapel Fellowship, Holly Brook—Not represented. Zoar not represented by letter.

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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Moderator - - J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College, N. C.
Clerk - - - - - - J. J. Waldrop, Henry, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. E. Wilson
W. F. Hull
James Huffman
L. H. Bumgardner
W. H. York
F. J. Leatherman

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND P. O.

Abee, O. A. - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.
Abernethy, R. B. - - - Hilderbran, N. C.
Bumgardner, A. P. - - - - Casar, N. C.
Cook, J. H. - - - - - Casar, N. C.
Hull, W. F. - - - - Dysortsville, N. C.
Stroup, S. A. - - - - Maiden, N. C.
Swink, Amos - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.
Waldrop, J. J. - - - - - Henry, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its sixth annual session with Connelley Springs Church Burk county, at eleven o'clock Thursday October 26, 1916.

In the absence of Rev. W. F. Hull who was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, the sermon was preached by Rev, R. G. Short. Text – Acts. 20: 35.

The Association adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

On reassembling the body was called to order by J. E. Wilson Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. H. C. Moore, Editor of Biblical Recorder. After which the roll of churches was called, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Abee's Chapel: Alis Stamey, Sebren Stamey, Neil Lowman, Noah Seagle, and John Abee.

Buelah: Pink Talent, and Aaron Craig.

Connelley Springs: P. M. Deal, J. E. Wilson, Walter Berry, M. C. Jorden, J. F. Smith, and R. L. Chester.

Corinth: J. F. Hoyle, Clem Hoyle and P. A. Hoyle.

Hulls Grove: Z. V. Brendle, and C. L. Davis.

Mt. Gilead: Anderson Canipe, W. H. York, and J. C. Talent.

Mt, Zion: not represented.

Mulls Chapel: Pink Rhoney and L. Rhoney.

Mt. Vernon: A. C. Leatherman, C. R. Upton, R. L. Hoyle, F. J. Leatherman, P. M. Leatherman, L. H. Blanton, and J. J. Waldrop.

Olive Grove: David Wortman, D. D. Cook, John Cook, Tinsley Lail, and Amos Wortman.

Pleasent Grove: J. R. Caswell, Sanford Carswell, and Charlie Martin.

Pisgah: T. J. Bumgardner, A. A. Parker, Peter L Buff, and Decator Pruett.

Shoups Grove: Henry Starnes, P. A. Berry, B. B. Abernethy and M. L. Crump.

St. John's: Z. M. Stamey, W. A. Keller, J. Q. Vunhorn, and James R. Huffman.

St. Paul: A. P. Bumgardner, Jesse B. Cook, Carl M. Smith, Huston Mull, and Ina Mull.

Walkers Chapel: J. M. Huffman, and W. S. Huffman.

Wilkies Grove: A. A. Hudson, G. W. Hilderbran, W. J. Burns, and C. E. Hilderbran.

Zion Hill not represented

The organization was formed by electing J. E. Wilson, moderator and J. J. Waldrop, clerk. After which the moderator appointed the following committees.

ON TIME AND PLACE

P. M. Leatherman, H. D. Starnes and J. H. Cook

FINANCE CCMMITTEE

A. C. Leatherman and Huston Mull

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. W. Setzer, A. P. Bumgardner and Z. V. Brendle.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISE

A. W. Setzer and Deacons of the entertaining church.

The moderator recognized and welcomed to the body the following brethren: Dr. H. C. Moore, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, Rev. C. M. Robinson, Cherryville, Prof. T. C. Hollen, Boiling Springs High School, J. A. Rector of Catawba River Association, Rev. R. G. Short, Ministerial student of Boiling Springs High School, Rev. A. W. Setzer, South Fork Association, Rev. B. Wilson, Methodist Pastor, Connelly Springs and Bro. Charlie Berry, Catawba River Association,

On motion J. E. Wilson, J. J. Waldrop and L. H. Bumgardner were appointed to write the history of the churches of the South Mountain Association.

Being appointed by the Moderator, Rev, S. A. Stroup submitted the following order of Buisness for next year.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

11:00 a. m. Introductory Sermon

1:00 p. m. Organization
1:45 p. m. Report on Temperance
3:00 p. m. Report of committee on Hospitality

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 a. m. Devotional Exercises
9:45 a. m. Miscellaneous business
10:15 a. m. State Missions
11:15 a. m. Old Ministers Relief

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

1:00 p. m. Devotional Exercises
1:15 p. m. Report on Time and Place
1:30 p. m. Orphanage
2:30 p. m. Education

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 a. m. Devotional Exercises
10:00 a. m. Miscellaneous Business
10:30 a. m. Report of Executive committee
11:00 a. m. Foreign Missions

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

1:00 p. m. Devotional Exercises
1:30 p. m. Sunday Schools
2:00 p. m. Home Missions

In the absence of a report on Periodicals, the subject was discussed by Rev. H. C. Moore, Editor Biblical Recorder, and Rev. A. P. Bumgardner.

S. A. Stroup read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We are very grateful for the good and wholesome laws in North Carolina, regarding the temperance question, but still there

remains a great deal to be accomplished. It has been said by some that prohibition does not prohibit. We answer by saying, neither does the law against murder and theft prohibit men from killing and stealing, but if both officer and citizen, will do their duty, we will soon be able to furl the temperance banner. Therefore we as a Baptist Association demand that the law relating to temperance be enforced. Furthermore we urge the adoption by the approaching Legislature, a law prohibiting the circulation of all publications carrying liquor advertisements.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Stroup

Discussed by S. A. Stroup, Rev. B. Wilson and Prof. T. C Hollen. Report adopted.

The Association adjourned till Friday morning at 9:30 with prayer by A. P. Bumgardner

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional Exercises by Prof, T. C. Hollen. After which, the moderator declared the body in session, minutes of Thursday's proceedings were read and adopted.

Rev. R. L. Patton, of Catawba River Association, Rev. W. R. Bradshow of Southfork Association, Rev. J. M. Ballard, of Southfork Association, Rev. C. E. Beaver, of Southfork Association and Rev. C. D. Groves D. D. Pastor of Wake Forest church, were recognized and welcomed to the body.

Rev. A. W. Setzer read the report on order of business. Report adopted.

Rev. S. A. Stroup, read the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptists gave to Foreign Missions last year, including the Judson Centennial Fund, $806,729.00. A few years ago an effort was launched by Southern Baptists to raise a sum of $1,250,000.00 to commemorate the going out of Adoniram Judson as a foreign missionary a hundred years ago. This fund was not to be used for missionaries' salaries, but for permanent improvements. The effort to raise this fund has been successful.

Our foreign missionaries now number 315,133 men and 182 women. Last year 6,471 converts were baptized and 77 churches organized. We now have in foreign fields 459 organized churches with a membership of 42,632. Ninety-five churches are self-supporting.

Your committee would urge the giving of fuller information regarding our great foreign mission task. This can be done by the pastors and the better informed brethren in the churches. The Foreign Mission Board will furnish any number of tracts free. These tracts present our foreign mission work from every angle. Much information not obtainable from other sources can be had from the Foreign Mission Journal, now consolidated with the Home Field and published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. Your committee would urge a wide circulation of this Missionary Magazine.

In conclusion we would urge the adoption by our churches of the BIBLE plan of giving. This plan when put into use in our churches will eliminate our financial distresses, and we can never hope to get rid of mission debts and financial problems until we shall follow the Book in giving as we emphasize and follow it in other teachings. Regular and proportionate giving will banish our mission debts and supply the means to meet the enlarged needs that are continually growing larger.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Stroup.

Discussed by S. A. Stroup and Dr. C. E. Groves pastor of Wake Forest College. It certainly was a great treat, to hear him. Some who have heard experts before, said it was the best they ever heard on the subject.

The Moderator appointed the following

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. E. Wilson, F. J. Leatherman, L. H. Bumgardner, James Huffman, W. H. York and Rev. W. F. Hull.

Bro. J. B. Bivins offered the following report:

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF

We, your committee would offer the following report. There

is a large number in the ministry who have labored in the Vineyard of the Lord, and now in their declining years, are unable to render further service as Pastors; therefore we feel that it is our unbounded duty, to see to it, that they are well cared for, and means furnished by our Baptist people for their support as long as they shall live. Therefore we recommend that each church take at least one collection during this year for this worthy object.

J. H. Cook
J. B. Bivins
Comman Upton

Discussed by Rev. J. H. Cook, A. P. Bumgardner and W. R. Bradshaw. Report adopted.

Rev. J. J. T. Sherwood, was recognized by the moderator, and welcomed to the body.

The Association adjourned with song, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow and prayer by Rev. J. M. Ballard.

FRIDAY EVENING

Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. C. A Caldwell. The moderator recognized Rev. M. L. Kesler, and C, A. Caldwell, and welcomed them to the body.

On motion, the body unanymously agreed to stand by, and cooperate with the excutive committee in employing a good man to devote half of his time to mission work in this association.

J. J. Waldrop read the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We, your committee on the Thomasville Orphanage beg leave to submit the following report:

The Thomasville Orphanage is owned, Controlled and supported by the white missionary Baptists of North Carolina. It was thought by some of our wisest and best men to be an unwise project, but has proven itself to be one of the greatest blessings that has come to us within the last half century. There is no other one thing that has the unifying force, in all our work, as does the Orphanage.

This is comparatively a young institution—only 31 yrs. old.

The first child was admitted on Nov. 11th, 1885. The last one enrolled this year runs the number who have been admitted during the life of the institution up to 1702. There are now in the two homes 500 children 450 in Thomasville and 50 in the Kennedy Home. These are divided into 14 big families. There are an average of 50 applications per month most of them must be turned away for lack of room. They are received between the ages of 2 and 12, and are dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

It costs about $110.00 a year to support a child, not including building and repairs. Multiplying 110 by 500 we have $55,000.00 as the cost of providing the necessaries of life for the work.

A debt of $35,000.00 was reported last year but by the grand effort of our people on Thanksgiving Day, when each individual was asked to give a days work, about one-half of the debt was paid. May it please God that on the coming Thanksgiving Day we may be able to free our beloved institution from debt and send her forth on her mission of mercy to do greater things for God and humanity.

The Orphanage is for the children admitted a home, a school and a training place, in which the best elements of their nature may be so developed and expanded as to make them capable of becoming men and women of great worth to the world.

The Orphange is no play-house. The children are taught manners, books, and practical work. We have there shoe-shops, printing office, dairy farm, farms, etc, in which the children are taught to provide for themselves and bless the world with the results of their labors.

We desire to make the following recommendations to this association as we close this report.

1. We recommend that every Sunday School in our Association give one Sunday's collection in each month to the Orphanage.

2. We recommend that on Thanksgiving (or near that day) each church ask every member of the church and Sunday School to give the proceeds of a days work to liquidate the debt on the Orphanage and send her forth unencumbered to do larger work.

3. We recommend that each Sunday School have a club subscribing for "Charity and Children," our Orphanage paper, and that, from time to time, other information be sought by the leaders in our churches and Sunday Schools and imparted to those in their charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Leatherman
W. P. Rhoney
J. R. Carswell
Committee.

Discussed by Rev. M. L. Kesler Report adopted.

Rev. A. W. Setzer read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention has for its object the maintenance of the young men preparing for the ministry at Wake Forest and the Seminary, but also of the young women at our colleges preparing for mission work, and also for the promotion in general of Christian Education for all our people.

In our Baptist school system at present there are fourteen high schools, Wake Forest for young men, and Meredith and Chowan colleges for young women. These institutions represent a money value of a million and a half dollars. They enrolled last year 3,788 students.

The teaching and example of our divine master, the evident plan of God as revealed in nature, the growing demand for trained workers in all secular employments, the examples of other great denominations, the crying need of our own, all these seriously impress the necessity of religious education for our people and call us loudly to lose no time in going about it.

In view of the facts stated, and of the other fundamental fact, namely, that consecration and training lie at the basis of every enterprise now engaging the efforts of our denomination, the Board of Education is calling upon our churches to raise this year $20,000, or two-fifths as much as they raise for State Missions. Since the amount raised for missions is spent in supporting

the missionaries, surely it is not unreasonable to spend two-fifths as much in preparing missionaries for their work. And since eighty-three of all our ministers, and ninety-one per cent of our missionaries, have been trained in Christian schools, it would seem that if these schools should die every mission board would soon have to go out of business. And let it be widely known and ever remembered that these schools must die unless our people come to their support.

Your committee recommends, therefore, that our association approve the plan of the Convention for promoting general education.

Second, that we approve the effort of the Board of Education to raise this year for education $20,000, or two-fifths as much as we raise for State Missions.

Third, We agree to secure an offering in our churches of at least $1.00 during the incoming associational year.

Discussed by D. C. Groves, A. W. Setzer and Prof. T. C. Hollen. Report adopted.

RESOLUTION

Resolved that this Association meet on Thursday after the first Sunday in November rather than on Thursday before the first in November.

A. P. Bumgardner.

This resolution was Unanymously adopted.

Resolved that the thanks of the South Mountain Association, are due, and hereby tendered to Connelley Springs church and friends for the hospitality shown this body during this session of the association. A. P. Bumgardner.

This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Report of Committee on

TIME AND PLACE

We your committee on time and place, submit the following report. Pleasant Grove the place on Thursday after the first Sunday in November 1917.

Rev. A. P. Bumgardner to preach the Introductory sermon, J. J. Waldrop, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Cook
P. M. Leatherman
H. D. Starnes

Report of committee on digest of church letters

Gained by baptism - - -	50 per cent
State objects - - - -	10 per cent
Pastor's salary - - - -	25 per cent

The Association adjourned till 9:30 Saturday morning. Song, Stand Up for Jesus. Prayer by Dr. H. C. Moore.

SATURDAY MORNING

Song, What a Friend we have in Jesus. Prayer by J. M. Ballard.

J. J. Waldrop read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Baptist's carry their mission work from three points of view, State missions, Home missions and Foreign missions. This seems to have the warrant of the scriptures in that memorable interview in which Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection he said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the Earth." Jerusalem corresponds to the local church, Judea corresponds to the province or state, Samaria to the home land while the uttermost part of the earth is the far away country with which we must get in touch in carrying out the great commission to disciple all nations. It will be seen that the difference is in the view point alone, and not in the principle. Our Lord was as much a missionary on the Judean hills as he was on the coasts of Tyre and Sidon or when he sat at Jacobs well leading the samaritan woman into a consciousness of her sin and to himself as the Christ of God.

State missions have to do with the states need. These needs, from a material point of view, appeal to the citizen for the development of the states resources. Its educational interests, its commercial interests, its agricultural interests, its manufacturing interests, its political interests are so many levers for lifting the state into commanding position, and the intelligent citizenship

are pledged along lines of work, cooperating for the general weal of the state and using every means posible for the uplift of the commonwealth with one object in view, the making of a great state where liberty and life shall be protected and every citizen share in the prosperity of all.

The overmastering, all prevailing sentiment on the part of the christain is to bring all of these material interests of the state into subjection to Christ, and this we call state missions.

The state mission appeal is in behalf of ones own citizenship. It is employed first of all in supplying the destitution within the borders of the state, its hope and effort is to plant the Gospel through the living ministry in country, in village, in town and city. The country-side may be remote and obscure and uninviting and yet a year or two may suffice to bring it in close touch with the out side world. The village of to day is the town of tomorrow, and the town of this week is the city of a half decade.

To watch these conditions maintaining an ever alert attitude, in planting mission stations that will grow with the growth of the surroundings, as the blessing of God shall rest upon them, is the work of state missions.

An intelligent state mission policy will build in a few years a denominational strength that will not only surprise but delight in its results in the state, and will reach out its helpful hand to other states and nations that otherwise could never be reached,

Respectfully Submitted,

J. J. Waldrop
Anderson Canipe
J. A. Cook

Discussed by W. R. Bradshaw. Report adopted.

SATURDAY EVENING

Devotional Exercises by Rev. L. P. Smith.

On motion J. J. Waldrop, S. A. Stroup, and L. H. Bumgardner were appointed to revise the constitution of this Association and submit their report next year. Rev A. P. Bumgardner read the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee offer the following facts covering the last decade:

In 1905 there were 1,741 churches and 1,290 Sunday Schools. Now we have 2,136 churches and 2,120 Sunday Schools gain of 395 or 23 per cent of the former and 830 or 63 per cent of the latter.

In 1905 the church membership aggregated 174,125 and the Sunday School enrollment 104,534. In ten years the churches have gained 93,953 members or 54 per cent, while Sunday Schools have gained 110,534 or 106 per cent.

Ten years ago the Sunday Schools were not giving more than $10,000 to conventional objects, now we are giving over $40,000 annually to these great interests of the Kingdom.

The general conditions seem better today then ever before. Last year there were 2,052 as against 2,120 this year or a gain of 68.

Tbe membership has grown from 201,259 to 214,972 a gain of 13,785 There are five churches in this Association that have an evergreen Sunday School and five that have nine months school and six that have six months school.

We urge all workers to buy books, or secure free tracts, for their respective departments and thereby create more interest and greater efficiency in the Sunday School work in general.

A. P. Bumgardner
Walter Berry
David Wortman
Committee.

Discussed by A. P. Bumgardner and others. Report adopted.

The moderator named the following to write reports for next session.

Foreign Missions—A. P. Bumgardner
Home Missions—S. A. Stroup.
State Missions—J. B. Bivins
Orphanage—J. J. Waldrop.
Sunday Schools—O. A. Abee.

Temperance – S. H. Upton.
Ministerial Relief – A. W. Setzer.
Education – C. E. Beaver.

The moderator appointed J. J. Waldrop, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Delegates to State Convention
J. E. Wilson
S. A. Stroup
O. A. Abee
A. P. Bumgardner

O. A. Abee read the report on

HOME MISSIONS

The work of Home Missions with Southern Baptists is not of their own choosing, nor is it a task of their own creation. Every problem in it has been thrust upon us and there is no chance to dodge the issue. There is not only the duty and privilege of leading the lost to our Saviour, but also the smaller question of preserving our institutions and ideals.

We can not help the fact that there are millions of negroes in our land nor are they responsible for being here, but if we do not lift them up they will lower us, for they are among us to stay. That millions of foreigners come to us every year, is a problem, not of our making or our choice, but they are here, and their need, social, educational, moral, religious, is a constant and insistent call for our help; and not only their salvation and future depends on the wisdom with which we solve the problem, but the future of our South land depends upon it.

There is also thrust upon us in each generation, the redemption and training of our own sons and daughters, and while we are looking after those of other races, we must not forget our own kin. Our children will not be saved because we are, nor will be trained unless we put forth a great effort in that direction.

Our young Baptist host must be trained and indoctrinated or lost to our cause. The Home Mission Board has been asked by the Southern Baptists to help us to solve these great problems, and it is our duty and privilege to stand by it with our prayers and

means.

The Southern Baptists could solve the problems—great as they are—if we could get the hosts enlisted, but the fact is only a few have seen the vision and responded in any large measure to the call.

The great problem of all is the problem of enlistment, for when that is solved the others will be at once. We your committee believe that the work of enlistment will have to be solved by the local, and we here call upon the churches in the South Mountain to make an earnest effort to enlist a greater number of new members in an effort worthy of themselves for the cause of missions in general.

The Home Mission board has proven itself safe and sane, and moreover is standing loyally for Baptist position in a time of when great stress is being brought to compromise a part of the truth, for the sake of fraternity and Union with others who do not hold all the truth. We commend that the churches of the Association stand by the Home Mission Board in its efforts to solve the problems that are pressing now upon us.

Last year there were more than 35,000 Baptisms reported from preachers supported wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board. But the greater work of Home Missions can not be put into the form of reports, and your committee advises that the churches make wider use of the splended tracts sent out free by the Board and acquaint themselves with the great work being done.

O. A. Abee,
H. D. Starnes.
P. M. Leatherman
For Committee

Discussed by O. A. Abee, W. R. Bradshaw and S. A. Stroup.
Report adopted

There being no further business on motion the Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Burke county, on Thursday after the first Sunday in November 1917 at 11:00 o'clock.

Benediction by W. R. Bradshaw.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Association."

2 The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

3. This Association ought not to have, and shall not have any power to legislate; but may frame rules and devise plans, as an advisory council, for the faithful administration of the law of Christ.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective churches.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of votes required to elect.

6. No person shall be eligible to office who is not a member of this body.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all meetings for business, and the Clerk shall be required to keep or make faithful record of all transactions of the Association, and may act as Treasurer at the request of the Association.

8. Newly constituted churches may be received as constituent members of this body, upon giving satisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy in faith and practice.

9. This Constitution may be changed or amended at any time by two-thirds of the members concurring.

10. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates which has fifty members or under, one more delegate for twenty-five members over fifty.

11. Each ordained minister of this Association in good standing shall be ex-officio member of this body.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting of business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the Moderator or some one whom he may appoint.

2 Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Association.

4. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed,

5. During the hours of business all private conversation, walking across or out of the room, without permission of the Moderator first obtained, shall be considered a breach of order.

6. The delegates' names shall be called every day previous to proceeding to business.

7. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and handed to the Moderator before debated.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order here arranged. No motion nor proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for reconsideration the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Association.

11. No member shall absent himself from the service without leave of the Association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the Moderator fail to enforce the rules and regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and may be reminded of his duty by any member present.

14. The Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Redistricting Association, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as

may be deemed necessary.

15 Also an executive committee, to consist of five persons, and a finance committee of two, to continue for twelve months.

TABLE 1—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	SECRETARIES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Time Preaching	Value Church Property	Gains				Losses				
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Member-
Abees Chapel	O. A. Abee Connelly Springs	Horace Abee Connelly Spgs.	3	800	9	1	5	2			26	58	84
Beulah	S. A. Stroup Maiden	Wm. Johnson Henry	3	600	2			4		1	10	21	31
Connelly Springs	A. W. Setzer Maiden	J. E. Wilson Rutherford Col.	3	600	5	2	1	7	1		50	63	113
Corinth	J. H. Cook Casar	J. G. McNeilly R-1 Lawndale	4	500	14		2			1	17	25	42
Hulls Grove	S. A. Stroup Maiden	D. A. Hull Henry	4	1,000	7	1		2	17	2	30	70	100
Mulls Chapel	O. A. Abee Connelly Springs	Arph Peeler Henry	4	500	3	2	2				32	35	67
Mt. Vernon	S. A. Stroup Maiden	M. F. Leatherman Henry	2	1,000	5	1	1	9	2	1	37	63	100
Mt. Gilead	J. J. Waldrop Henry	V. L. Talent Connelly Spgs.	1	500	4	1	1	4	2		15	30	45
Olive Grove	J. J. Waldrop Henry	David Wortman Casar	4	500	15	1				2	38	72	110
Pisgah	J. M. Ballard Alexis	L. H. Bumgardner Casar	3	1,000	10	2		7			44	58	102
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Cook Casar	J. P. Denton Connelly Spgs.	2	600	3	3	1			3	28	52	80
Shoups Grove	O. A. Abee Connelly Springs	Henry Starnes Connelly Spg.	2	500	16	10		4	3		87	95	182
St. Paul	R. G. Short Boiling Springs	J. W. Rich Belwood	1	800	13			4		3			211
St. Johns	O. A. Abee Connelly Springs	Z. M. Stamey Connelly Spgs.	3	900	16	5	2	3	1	1	23	70	93
Wilkies Grove	S. A. Stroup Henry	A. A. Hudson Henry			7	2	5	5	1	1	55	101	156
Walkers Chapel	A. J. Waycaster Connely Sps												
Zion Hill	Rev. Gold	J. N. Gales Connelly Spg.											
Grand Total				$9,800	129	31	20	51	27	15	492	813	1,516

TABLE NO. 2—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
Abees Chapel	63.00	5.00	13.55	2.00	30.00	1.00	2.75	2.50	2.50		3.49				5.00	130.79
Beulah	45.00			5.20		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00					55.20
Connelly Springs	150.00		45.00	30.00	8.50	3.25	10.00	5.00	14.50	2.00	43.93	1.00	3.00	1.00		318.18
Corinth				8.00		.90	1.00		1.00		1.00					11.90
Hulls Grove	72.00	1.50		10.50		.80	1.00		1.50		3.00		.30			87.60
Mulls Chapel	45.90		12.00	3.00		1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		4.00				5.00	74.90
Mt. Zion																
Mt. Vernon	71.00	30.00	30.00	5.00	10.00	1.20	18.00	2.00	2.00		5.00	2.15	1.00	1.00		123.40
Mt. Gilead	34.00		3.12	3.00		.75	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.25		1.05			45.30
Olive Grove	45.80	2.00	1.50	3.50		1.00	1.47	1.25	1.25		1.36		1.25		9.46	68.34
Pisgah	72.00			3.43	3.00	1.05	5.00	2.00	4.00		5.00		5.25			100.73
Pleasant Grove	40.00			5.66	11.00	1.40	2.00	3.00	2.00		1.00	1.00	1.00		5.00	73.04
Shoups Grove	85.00	4.75	58.08	11.57		1.20	3.06	3.06	3.06		7.69				26.65	204.12
St. Paul	60.00			7.16	16.14		2.00	1.87	1.00		5.15				10.00	103.32
St. Johns	52.00		24.00	3.00		1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		2.25	1.00	1.00			95.30
Wilkies Grove	100.00	64.00	10.00	6.00	2.00		2.00	2.00	4.00	13.00	12.00				14.00	229.00
Walkers Chapel	34.77					.70					3.00					37.47
Zion Hill																
Grand Total	$970.47	$107.25	$197.25	$112.02	$80.64	$15.85	$54.28	$27.68	$41.81	$15.00	$100.12	$5.15	013.75	$2.00	$75.11	$1,758.61

TABLE NO. 3—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	SECRETARIES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	No. of Schools	Off. & Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Ch. Mem. in S. S.	Mo. Kept Open	Bap. from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Abees Chapel	Lillie Lowman Connelly S.		1	6	50	56	20	9	5	2.00				2.00
Beulah	Pink Talent Henry	Austin Rhoney Henry	1	5	47	52	19	9	2	5.20				5.20
Connelly Springs	J. F. Cook Connelly Springs	A. S. Wilson Rutherford Col.	1	5	70	75	25	12	3	30.00	5.75	4.50		40.25
Corinth	W. M. Walker Casar	J. H. Hoyle R-1 Casar	1	5	63	68	25	6	12	8.00				8.00
Hulls Grove	W. P. Brendle Henry	Bertha Willis Henry	1	6	125	131	40	6	7	10.50				10.50
Mulls Chapel	W. P. Rhoney Connelly Spg.	Joe Martin Connelly Spgs.	1	5	40	45	16	6	2	3.00				3.00
Mt. Zion	L. L. Wilkie R-1 Casar	Ralin Price R-1 Casar	1	6	38	44								
Mt. Gilead	Geo. Puett Connelly Springs	Gertie Poteat Connelly Spgs.	1	5	40	45	15	6		3.00				3.00
Mt. Vernon	S. H. Upton Henry	Iva Upton Henry	1	8	80	88	50	9	4	5.00		2.00		7.00
Clines Grove	Daniel Speak Connelly Spgs.	John Cook Casar	1	8	68	76	61	9	13	3.50			2.75	6.25
Pisgah	W. H. Parker Casar	L. H. Bumgardner Casar	1	7	56	63	40	9	5	3.43	1.25			4.68
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Carswell Connelly Spg.	J. T. Denton Connelly Spgs.	1	7	70	77	40	12	2	5.66				5.66
Shoups Grove	D. A. Fullbright Icard	Henry Starnes Connelly S.	1	7	90	97	61	12	6	11.57				11.57
St. Paul	J. W. Rich R-1 Belwood	Mac Bumgardner Casar	1	9	106	115	75	6	6	7.16				716
St. Johns	J. R. Huffman Connelly Spg.	J. C. Wright Connelly Spgs.	1	6	96	102	50	12	10					
Wilkies Grove	A. A. Hudson Henry	R. M. Hudson Hickory	1	4	60	64	50	12	6	6.00				6.00
Walkers Chapel	S. J. Keller Connelly Spgs.					23								
Zion Hill	J. N. Gales Connelly Springs													
Corn Hill S. H.	John Rhoney Connelly Spgs.	Jesse Miller Connelly Spgs.	1	5	45	50		9	9	4.00			7.75	11.75
Grand Total			17	104		1,276	587		92	$108.02	$7.00	$6.50	$10.50	$132.02

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. E. Wilson — F. J. Leathermean
James Huffman — L. H. Bumgardner
D. H. Starnes.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICE

Abee, O. A. - - - - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.
Abernethy, R. B. - - - - - - Hildebrand, N. C.
Bumgardner, A. P. - - - - - - - Casar, N. C.
Cook, J. H. - - - - - - - - Casar, N. C.
Stroup, S. A. - - - - - - - Lincolnton, N. C.
Swink, Amos - - - - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.
Waldrop, J. J. - - - - - - - Henry, N. C.

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its seventh annual session with the Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Burke county, at eleven o'clock Thursday, November 8th, 1917.

In the absence of Rev. A. P. Bumgarner, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, the sermon was preached by J. J Waldrop. Subject—The Talents. Matt. 25:14-34.

After which the Moderator, J. E. Wilson, came forward and addressed the Association in a short talk.

Visitors recognized: Prof. E. L. Middleton, State Sunday school secretary, of Raleigh, N. C.; F. B. Hambrick, Treasurer of the Thomasville Orphanage; A. W. Setzer, of the South Fork Association; Rev. J. P. Hageman, of the Catawba River Association.

The Association adjourned for dinner, to meet at 1:00 p. m.

Benediction by E. L. Middleton.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:00 P. M. the Association met according to order of adjournment.

Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Devotional services by E. L. Middleton.

Scriptural reading, the first division of the Psalms.

Prayer by J. J. Waldrop.

Song—"Stand Up for Jesus."

At 1:15 P. M. the Moderator, J. E. Wilson called the Association to order and instructed the clerk to call the roll of churches for the purpose of enrolling the delegates. The roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Abee's Chapel: Horace Abee, D. J. Moody, Flay Lowman, Latta Heavner, Alex Stamey.

Bu'ah: A. J. Yancy, Wm. Johnson, J. H. Mull.

Connelly Springs: Rev. H. L. Neissen, Q. A. Abee, J. E. Wilson, W. W. Berry.

Corinth: M. J. Hoyle, P. A. Hoyle, J. G. McNealy.

Hull's Grove: J. C. Martin, John A. Hallman, Z. V. Brendle.

Mt. Zion: R. R. Price, Clem Wortman.

Mull's Chapel: W. F. Mull, O. O. Rhoney, W. S. Peeler.

Mt. Vernon: P. M. Leatherman, Joe Leatherman, David Wesson, S H. Upton, Zeb Leatherman.

Mt. Gilead: not represented.

Olive Grove: D. D. Cook, David Speak, Wm. Johnson.

Pisgah: P. L. Buff, Zero Parker, N. H. Parker.

Pleasant Grove: J. A. Denton, S. S. Carswell, S. A. Carswell, Sanford Butler.

Shoup's Grove: P. A. Berry, H. D. Stormy, D. H. Fulbright, D. B. Mull.

St. John: W. A. Keller, Z. M. Stamey, John Vanhorne.

St. Paul. L. H. Bumgardner.

Wilkie's Grove: A. A. Hudson.

Walker's Chapel: Mack Huffman.
Zion Hill: Thomas Hudson, S. B. Yance, W. E. Ledford, Guss Cook.

The organization was formed by electing Rev. J. H. Cook, moderator, J. J. Waldrop, clerk.

On motion the report on Sunday Schools was read at this hour instead of 1:30 Saturday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

God commands us again and again to teach His word. The Sunday School is our way of doing this. Whenever we have a good, live school the work of the church prospers, and when we neglect this great work the church languishes.

For our Association we recommend the following:

1. That we try to get more of our church members enlisted in the Sunday School.

2. That we urge our teachers and officers to do all they can to train thousands for efficient service. To do this they must read helpful tracts and books. Better still they should take the Normal course.

3. That our school give monthly offierings to the Orphanage and offerings to the other Convention objects as fostered by our denominational boards.

4. That we keep in touch with our own State Sunday School work. To do this write to the Secretary, E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C., for tracts and other suggestions and helps.

O. A. Abee | Committee.

Foregoing motion pending to adopt the report, Sunday Schools was discussed by E. L. Middleton.

The report was adopted.

The moderators appointed the following as committees:

ON TIME AND PLACE

S. A. Stroup, L. H. Bumgardner, David Wortman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Z. V. Brendle, Zeb Leatherman.

On motion by Pro. Amos Swink, a committee of three was appointed to apportion out the minute fund equally among the churches, and ask each church to pay its proportioned part. Bro. J. E. Wilson offered an amendment to this motion to the effect that one man from each church was appointed on this committee. The committee is as follows:

Abee's Chapel—O. A. Abee,
Bulah—Arthur Yancy,
Connelly Springs—J. E. Wilson,
Corinth—M. J. Hoyle,
Hull's Grove—Z. V. Brendle,
Mt. Zion—David Wortman,
Mt. Vernon—P. M. Leatherman,
Pisgah—N. H. Parker,
Pleasant Grove—Roy Smith,

Shoup's Grove—Henry Starnes,
St. John—A. W. Keller,
Wilkie's Grove—A. A. Hudson,
Walker's Chapel—M. C. Hueman,
Zion Hill—Amos Swink,
Mull's Chapel—O. A. Abee,
Olive Grove—David Wortman.

Bro. S. A. Stroup read the following:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your committe on time and place, recommend that the next session of the Association meet with Shoup's Grove Church on Thursday after the second Sunday in October 1918.

Rev. A. W. Setzer to preach the Annual Sermon, J. J. Waldrop alternate.

The Moderator appointed the following to write reports for next year.

Biblical Recorder, - - - - S. A. Stroup.
Pastoral Support, - - - - J. E. Wilson.
Sunday Schools, - - - - - W. P. Brendle,
State Missions, - - - - A. P. Bumgardner,
Old Ministers Relief, - - - O. A. Abee,
Womans Work and B. Y. P. U., - - - P. M. Deal,
Orphanage, - - - - - S. H. Upton,
Education, - - - - - A. W. Setzer,
Foreign Missions, - - - Marvin Leatherman,
Home Missions, - - - - G. W. Hilderbran,
Obituaries, - - - - - F. J. Leatherman,
Temperance, Social evils and public morals, J. J. Waldrop,

The Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Benediction by Bro. A. W. Setzer.

At 9:30 A. M., the Association met according to order of adjournment.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. S. A. Stroup. The scripture reading was the 116 Psalm.

Song: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

The report on State Missions was called for at this hour, and Bro. J. B. Bivins, who was appointed to make this report was not present, and Bro. E. L. Middleton read the Report on State Missions.

STATE MISSIONS

Missions is sending the gospel to those who do not have it. Jesus commanded us to do this. He said, (Acts 1:8.) "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." We have in this all missions.

Our Judea is North Carolina. The Mission Board is trying to give the gospel, as Baptists hold it, in every section of the work now being carried on as follows:

1. General Mission work in weak churches, strategic points and mission stations. There are nearly 300 preaching places where this work is being done by 150 missionaries.

2. Aid is given to help houseless churches build church buildings.

3. Co-operating with the Sunday School Board we are training our young people through the Baptist Young People's Union in Christian service.

4. The women are encouraged in their work and aided in a small way but they return to the Mission objects fifty times as much as is given to them.

With these great objects we ought to contribute liberally to State Missions. Let every church in the Association pledge and pay as God has prospered them.

E. L. Middleton,
David Workman,
Committee.

Foregoing motion pending to adopt the report, State Missions, was discussed by E. L. Middleton, A. W. Setzer and S. A. Stroup.

The report was adopted.

At this hour J. J. Waldrop read the

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your committee on the Thomasville Orphanage, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Orphanage is a training camp for dependent boys and girls enlisted for life work. It is exempt from many of the temptations which beset the pathway of youth outside its walls. Its purpose is to inoculate manliness, sobriety, truthfulness, temperance, and loyalty to country and to God. It is making men and women.

It offers the opportunity for all to bear some part in the redemption of those who are ready to perish. It needs the help of every friend of man. Once each month is the way, Thanksgiving is the special time, the Thomasville Orphanage is the place. Lend a hand.

There are now 505 children in the Thomasville Orphanage—450 at Thomasville and 55 at the Kennedy home. It costs 35 cts. per day to support a child, or $10.50 per month. The annual cost for the support of a child is $127.75. The daily cost for the support of 505 children is $176.75. The annual cost of 505 children is 64,675. The net income from the printing office last year was $5,695.17. The profit from the Kennedy home farm was $3,245.52. The Orphanage consumed last year, farm and dairy products to the amount of $12,662.83. Current fund year ending June 15, 1917, $64,800.36. Permanent improvements Kennedy home, $12,000.00. Permanent improvements at Thomasville, $4,000.00.

The Orphanage has received since Nov. 15, 1885, 1,195 children. The present indebtedness on the Orphanage is $10,000.000.

The unprecedented prices for the necessities of life have made a rocky road for all public institutions, but the Baptist people have

been responsive and generous. The past year has been the best in our history, financially. But the fact that it put us out of debt must not lull us to sleep. The high cost of living is putting us in debt again.

From month to month we are running behind with our current expenses. Contributions must increase with our needs. Within a few months there will be added to the Kennedy home another cottage for 25 more children. The distress of our times adds its demands upon the Orphanage. The most rigid economy is being practiced at the Orphanage. Those in charge of it were among the first to learn the lesson of the war. Conservation is the cry. Fruits and vegetables are being canned in large quantities against the winter season.

The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

The graduating class in June numbered twenty-four, being surpassed by only one class in the history of the Orphanage, that of 1916, which was twenty-nine. These young men and women turned reluctant steps away from the home of their childhood and are getting ready for the struggle ahead. Some few have entered college but the large majority of them are on the firing line of life's battle for bread.

Your committee desires to recommend

1. That each member of this Association pledge himself to give the proceeds of one day's work, on or near Thanksgiving day, to the Thomasville Orphanage.

2. That each Sunday-School in the bounds of this Association set apart one Sunday in each month as Orphanage day and see that each member is urged to contribute something on that day.

On motion to adopt the foregoing report, the Orphanage was discussed by J. J. Waldrop, F. B. Hambrick, and C. E. Beaver.

The report was adopted.

Order of Business

THURSDAY MORNING

11:00—Introductory Sermon
1:00—Organization
1:45—Biblical Recorder
2:15—Pastorial Support
2:45—Sunday Schools

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30—Devotional Exercises
9:45—Miscellaneous Business
10:00—State Missions
10:30—Old Ministers' Relief
10:45—Woman's Work and B. Y. P. U.
11:15—Orphanage

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Education
1:30—Home Missions

2:30—Foreign Missions

SATURDAY MORNING

9:30—Devotional Exercises

9:45—Miscellaneous Business

10:15—Obituaries

10:30—Report on Time and Place

10:45—Report on Temperance, Social Events and Public Morals

The Association adjourned for dinner, to meet at 1:00 o'clock.

Friday Afternoon.

The committee appointed to apportion out the minute fund equally among the churches made the following report:

Abee's Chapel	$2.25
Bulah	1.00
Corinth	1.00
Connelly Springs	2.25
Hull's Grove	2.00
Mull's Chapel	2.00
Mt. Gilead	1.00
Mt. Vernon	2.10
Mt. Zion	1.50
Olive Grove	2.25
Pleasant Grove	2.25
Pisgah	3.00
Shoup's Grove	3.00
St. John	2.50
St. Paul	3.00
Wilkie's Grove	1.50
Walker's Chapel	1.25
Zion Hill	2.50
Total	$37.45

After this our Bro. W. A. Setzer read the report on

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

The Old Ministers' Relief Board is charged by the Baptist State Convention with collecting and distributing funds with which to aid old and indigent ministers, their widows and dependents. The aid given does not more than meet their actual living needs. There are now thirty-six beneficiaries receiving aid through this Board.

The Baptist State Convention, by resolution, has requested that a collection be taken for Old Ministers' Relief in all the churches of the State near the Christmas Holidays. Your committee earnestly urges the churches of this Association to observe this resolution and thus make glad the hearts of these old servants of the Cross. "I was hungry and ye fed me; naked and ye clothed me; sick and in prison and ye came and ministered unto me. * * * In as much as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SETZER.

On motion to adopt the foregoing report, Old Ministers' Relief was discussed by A. W. Setzer.

The report was adopted.

Bro. S. H. Upton read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

While the great war on intemperance has by no means been fought to a successful close the Christian forces may well rejoice in the progress made and the victories won. More and more is the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicants being looked upon not only as a menace to moral uprightness, but also as detrimental to the social and civic welfare of communities, states, and nations. This is shown by the fact that many industrial enterprises, such as railroads, factories, states, and even nations are prohibiting the use of strong drink as a matter of economic policy.

The greatest factors in the growth of public sentiment and the advancement of the temperance cause are the Christian ministers and the Christian churches. We are rejoiced to know that our own Association is awakening to the evils of intemperance, and is taking a stand for prohibition. We may well be proud of our record in this field of service.

But much work remains to be done. We must not relax our efforts or disband our forces until our land is freed from this mighty enemy, so strongly entrenched in custom, vested selfishness and unregenerate depravity.

We call upon our pastors, Sunday school workers and all our membership to plan, labor, pray and live to the end that our association may soon be rid of this great evil.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. UPTON.

On motion to adopt the foregoing report Temperance was discussed by S. H. Upton, S. A. Stroup, J. E. Wilson, J. J. Waldrop and A. A. Hudson, after which the report was adopted.

At this hour Hon. Z. V. Brindle made the report of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minute Fund	$29.05
State Missions	34.95
Home Missions	21.55
Foreign Missions	19.80
Sunday School Missions	3.15
Orphanage	14.17
Ministerial Relief	7.30
Total	$156.92

Respectfully submitted,

Z. V. Brendle,

Zeb Leatherman,

Committee.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet the next morning at 9:30.

Saturday morning At 9:30 A. M., the Association met accord-

ing to the order of adjournment.

Devotional exercises by Amos Smith. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion the report on Education, written by Bro. C. E. Beaver, was read at this hour.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The mind is that part of a man which makes him like his Creator.

God blessed man above all other created things in that He gave him a mind which enables him to think, to choose to compare objects and draw conclusions.

The training of this power is called education.

No one knows just how far the human mind can be trained. Some persons have been trained through a long life and the possibilities seem greater at the end that at the beginning. It is the privilege of every human being to train his or her mind, but it is their duty, for in so doing he or she is enabled to serve God and man more acceptably.

In order to carry on this training which we call education it is necessary to have a system of schools and colleges, and in order to sustain them, it is necessary to support them in two ways. First by patronizing them, and second by a financial support. The education board of the convention has suggested that each church undertake to raise for education two-fifths as much as it raises for State Missions.

Shall we wake up on this great question and let each church do this much for this greot cause?

C. E. BEAVER.

Read by S. A. Stroup.

Foregoing motion pending to adopt the report, Education was discussed by J. E. Wilson, A. A. Hudson and J. P. Bumgardner.

The report was adopted.

On motion Home and Foreign Missions were discussed together. Bro. S. A. Stroup read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Southern Baptists gave last year to Home Missions $474,792. Realizing that new and heavier burdens must be borne in the future by Southern Baptists, the Convention at New Orleans instructed the board to pursue its work on a basis of $505,193 and the board planned the year's ork on that basis. It is the first time Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise a half million for Home Missions, but the abounding needs and opportunities call for it.

True religion calls us to a larger support of Home Missions. We recommend:

1. That earnest prayer be made by our churches for the work of the board.

2. The adoption of our churches of the Bible plan of giving as found in 1 Corinthians 16:2. This plan, when put into effect, will eliminate all our financial distresses.

3. That our churches encourage the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A STROUP.

On motion pending to adopt the foregoing report, Home and Foreign Missions were discussed by S. A. Stroup and J. E. Wilson.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed O. A. Abee, S. A. Stroup and J. J. Waldrop delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Bro. Stroup read the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Since the last session of this Association God has called many of our brothers and sisters unto Himself. Among this number he called Rev. W. F. Hull who for about fifty years preached the Gospel, principally in this State.

Bro. Hull was a man of great ability as a preacher. He stood for the truths of the Bible and preached his convictions. He was used of God to lead many souls into the kingdom for which we trust he is now reaping his reward.

S. A. STROUP.

On motion the report was adopted.

J. E. Wilson offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body is due and hereby tendered to Pleasant Grove and community for their kind hospitality during this session of this Association. This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

RESOLVED

1. That the churches of this Association are hereby instructed to send all money collected for Orphanage to Mr. F. B. Hambrick, Thomasville, N. C., and all money for all other State objects to Mr. Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C.

2. That the Treasurer of the Association is hereby forbidden to accept any money for minutes.

J. E. WILSON.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned to meet at Shoup's Grove on Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1918.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Association."

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

3. This Association ought not to have, and shall not have any power to legislate; but may frame and devise plans, as an advisory council, for the faithful administration of the law of Christ.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective churches.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of votes required to elect.

6. No person shall be eligible to office who is not a member of this body.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all meetings for business, and the Clerk shall be required to keep or make faithful record of all transactions of the Association, and may act as Treasurer at the request of the Association.

8. Newly constituted churches may be recevived as constituent members of this body, upon giving satisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy in faith and practice.

9. This Constitution may be changed or amended at any time by two-thirds of the members concurring.

10. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates which has fifty members or under, one more delegate for twenty-five members over fifty.

11. Each ordained minister of this Association in good standing shall be an ex-officio member of this body.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting of business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the Moderator or some one whom he may appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Association.

Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

5. During the hours of business all private conversation, walking across or out of the room, without permission of the Moderator first obtained, shall be considered a breach of order.

6. The delegates' names shall be called every day previous to proceeding to business.

7. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and handed to the Moderator before debated.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received

but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order here arranged. No motion nor proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for reconsideration the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Association.

11. No member shall absent himself from the service without leave of the Association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the Moderator fail to enforce the rules and regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and may be reminded of his duty by any member present.

14. The Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Re-districting Association, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

15. Also an executive committee, to consist of five persons, and a finance committee of two, to continue for twelve months.

TABLE 1—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Time Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Abee's Chapel	O. A. Abee Connelly Springs	Horace Abee Connelly Spgs.	2	800	9		4	1			30	67	97
Beulah	B. H. Laughridge Maiden	Wm. Johnson Henry R. 3	2	500	1			1		1	9	19	28
Corinth	J. H. Cook Casar, R. 1.	J. G. McNeilly Lawndale R. 1	4	500	2	1					18	25	43
Connelly Springs	A. W. Setzer Maiden	J. E. Wilson Rutherford Col.	3	600	2	6		6	1	2	48	65	112
Hull's Grove	J. A. Hoyle Maiden	D. A. Hull Henry	3	1,000	2	1	2		1	1	30	55	85
Mt. Zion	J. F. Weathers Shelby	L. L. Willis Casar	3	500	2		1				24	48	72
Mt. Vernon	S. A. Stroup Maiden	J. Z. Houser Henry	2	1,000	8	4		6		1	41	54	101
Mull's Chapel	O. A. Abee Connelly Springs	W. F. Mull Henry	4	500							15	23	38
Olive Grove	J. J. Waldrop Henry	David Wortman Casar	4	500		10	1	9			34	58	92
Pleasant Grove	J. P. Hagman Morganton	S. A. Carswell Connelly Spgs.	1	1,200	16		1	6		1	40	50	90
Pisgah	J. J. Waldrop Henry	A. A. Parker Casar	3	1,000	1	7		14		3	36	57	93
Shoup's Grove	C. E. Beaver Maiden	H. D. Starnes Icard	2	900	3	12	2	3		2	82	82	164
St. John's	O. A. Abee Connelly Springs	Z. M. Stamey Connelly Spgs.	1	900	8	2				2	24	74	98
St. Paul	S. A. Stroup Lincolnton	L. H. Bumgardner Casar	1	800	9	11	20	2	1				189
Wilkes Grove	C. E. Beaver Maiden	A. A. Hudson Henry R. 2	2	1,000	7	2	3	5			43	75	118
Walker's Chapel	No Report												
Zion Hill	W. M. Gold Ellenboro	J. V. Proctor Connelly Spgs.	2	1,000	5			1	4	2	57	110	167
Grand Total				$12,700	75	46	34	54	7	15	531	862	1,587

TABLE NO. II—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
Abee's Chapel	60.00	15.00	35.00	10.00	12.00	1.00	2.75	2.75	2.50		3.00		1.00		5.00	150.00
Beulah	45.00			5.00		1.00	1.25	1.00			1.25					54.50
Connelly Springs	150.00		74.90	41.20		2.25	16.77	5.00	15.00	3.00	25.25		3.00	3.00		339.37
Corinth	27.29			11.00	4.00	1.10		1.65			.75					45.79
Hull's Grove	58.90			5.00		2.00	1.83	1.00	2.00		10.00		1.20			81.23
Mt. Gilead	20.00					.25										20.25
Mt. Zion	40.00			5.00		1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00				5.60	50.60
Mt. Vernon	111.65		124.00	21.68		2.10	4.75		1.25		10.45	1.15				277.03
Mull's Chapel	50.00			2.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		4.50					60.50
Olive Grove	50.00	5.00		7.15	9.00	2.25	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00		1.01		11.05	88.95
Pisgah	28.00		7.50	14.66	10.60	3.00	6.00	2.00	1.00		4.00		5.00		8.10	88.11
Pleasant Grove	70.00	200.00	110.00	7.42		3.25	2.00	2.00	2.40		3.20				3.00	403.42
Shoup's Grove	122.25	21.10	30.00	5.00	21.86	3.00	6.40	6.40	6.40	2.65	38.75				50.78	307.79
St. John's	71.21		23.00	7.16		2.50	2.50	1.25	3.00		3.00					110.12
St. Paul	92.66		9.01	4.70	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00		4.00					179.47
Wilkie's Grove	100.00	12.00	31.31	5.20	10.00	2.50	9.42	5.00	5.00		15.02		1.00		1.00	196.19
Walker's Chapel Zion Hill	60.00	5.00		2.10		2.50	1.50		1.50		2.00					74.10
Grand Total	$1156.96	$258.10	$444.72	$154.27	$70.46	$34.20	$61.17	$32.05	$43.95	$5.65	$107.17	$1.15	$12.21	$3.00	$84.53	$2527.42

NOTE—Wilkie's Grove sent $1.04 for Associational Missions, which is included in the totals at the right.

TABLE NO. III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	SECRETARIES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	No. of Schools	Off. & Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Ch. Mem. in S. S.	Mo. Kept Open	Bap. from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Abee's Chapel	Horace Abee, Connelly Sp'gs	Latta Heavner, Connelly Sp'gs	1	5	65	70	30	9	4	10.00				10.00
Beulah	Pink Talent, Henry	Austin Rhoney, Henry	1	5	60	65		9						
Corinth	W. M. Walker, Casar	P. A. Hoyle, Casar	1	7	54	61	30	6	2	7.00		4.00		11.00
Connelly Springs	J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs	A. S. Wilson, Rutherford C'l'ge	1	5	60	65	50	12	2	41.20	3.50	2.25	7.00	53.95
Hull's Grove	W. P. Brendel, Henry	Nola Willis, Henry	1	8	107	115	40	9	2	9.83				9.83
Mt. Zion	L. L. Willis, Casar	Sallie Sigmon, Lawndale	1	5	38	43	19	9	2	5.00				5.00
Mt. Vernon	S. H. Upaon, Henry	Ira Upton, Henry	1	9	119	128		9	8	21.68				21.68
Mull's Chapel	Lester Mull Henry	Madge Mull, Henry	1	5	19	24				2.00				2.00
Olive Grove	Daniel Speak, Connelly Sp'gs	John Cook, Casar	1	4	25	29	20	6		7.15				7.15
Pleasant Grove	J. P. Carswell, Connelly Sp'gs	J. L. Denton, Connelly Sp'gs	1	7	70	77	55	12	16	7.42				7.42
Pisgah	N. H. Parker, Casar	A. A. Parker, Casar	1	7	52	59	25	9	1	3.94	3.22		7.50	14.66
Shoup's Grove	D. H. Fullbright, Icard	H. D. Starnes, Icard	1	7	109	116	70	12	3	19.18	2.00	2.00		23.18
St. John's	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Sp'gs	J. C. Wright, Connelly Sp'gs	1	3	96	99	52	12	4	6.00				6.00
St. Paul	J. W. Rich, Belwood		1	7	70	77				4.70				4.70
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson, Henry	Lester Hudson, Hickory	1	6	60	66		12	7	5.20				5.20
Zion Hill	Amos Swink, Connelly Springs	J. P. Propst, Connelly Sp'gs	1	5	52	57		6	1	2.10				2.10
Grand Total			16	95	1056	1151	391		52	$142.40	$8.72	$8.25	$14.50	$183.87

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MINUTES

OF

The Eighth Annual Session

of the

South Mountain Baptist Association

Held With the

SHOUP'S GROVE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 14TH AND 15TH, 1918

Next Session to be Held With Mt. Zion Church

Moderator—J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College, N. C.
Clerk—J. J. Waldrop, Henry, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator - - J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College, N. C.

Clerk - - - Rev. J. J. Waldrop, Henry, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. E. Wilson — F. J. Leatherman

James Huffman — L. H. Bumgardner

D. H. Starnes

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES

Abee, O. A. - - - - - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.

Abernethy, A. P. - - - - - - - Hildebrand, N. C.

Bumgardner, A. P. - - - - - - - Casar, N. C.

Cook, J. H. - - - - - - - Casar, N. C.

Stroup, S. A. - - - - - - - Lincolnton, N. C.

Swink, Amos - - - - - Connelly Springs, N. C.

Waldrop, J. J. - - - - - - - Henry, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its Eighth Annual Session with Shoup's Grove Baptist Church, Thursday, November the 14th, 1918.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Setzer. Text: Rom. 1:14.

After which the body adjourned one hour for dinner, with prayer by J. E. Wilson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:00 P. M. the Association met according to order of adjournment.

Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer by A. W. Setzer.

Song—"Nearer, My God, to Thee."

After which the roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Abee's Chapel—Not represented.

Beulah—Represented by letter.

Corinth—Represented by letter.

Connelly Springs—J. E. Wilson, W. W. Berry.

Hull's Grove—Not represented.

Icard—L. F. Propst, J. B. Epps.

Mt. Zion—Represented by letter.

Mt. Vernon—S. H. Upton, P. M. Leatherman, J. B. Bivins, Comon Upton.

Mull's Chapel—Not represented.

Olive Grove—Represented by letter.

Pleasant Grove—Represented by letter.

Pisgah—M. Z. Parker.

Shoup's Grove—H. D. Starnes, D. H. Fullbright, P. A. Berry, John Brendle, D. B. Mull, O. M. Berry, P. L. Young.

St. John—Not represented.

St. Paul—A. P. Bumgardner, L. H. Bumgardner.

Wilkie's Grove—A. A. Hudson.

Walker's Chapel—Not represented.

Zion Hill—Not represented.

The organization was formed by electing J. E. Wilson Moderator and J. J. Waldrop Clerk.

At this time an invitation was given for newly constituted churches wishing to unite with the body. The delegates from Icard, a newly constituted church, presented a letter with their declarations of Faith and Church Government.

The Moderator appointed P. M. Leatherman, J. B. Bivins and S. A. Stroup to examine their articles of Faith and report to the body.

Their report being favorable to Icard, the church was unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the

delegates by the Moderator.

At this time the Moderator announced the following committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

D. B. Mull and D. H. Fullbright.

ON TIME AND PLACE

S. H. Upton, H. D. Starnes, and W. W. Berry.

Rev. A. W. Setzer read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Of all God's earthly creation man is the most blessed. That which differentiates him most from other creatures is a mind which enables him to think, to choose, to compare objects, and which is capable of unlimited training. The limit of possible training of the human mind has never been reached. This process of training is called education. Since our minds are God's gift it behooves us to give them such training as is within our reach that we may fit ourselves for the most efficient service possible, both to God and man.

In order to accomplish the task of education, it is necessary that a system of schools be maintained. This the Convention has provided and has called into being the Board of Education and charged it with coordinating and systematising our schools and colleges. Baptists all these years have laid stress upon training the mind under distinctively Christian influences. They believe that the Christian influence is more marked in denominational schools. Our Baptist educational institutions cannot endure without the support of our Baptist people. To them we must commit our boys and girls and we must also give of our means to their support.

Just now an effort is being made to raise one million dollars for the Baptist educational institutions in this State. Your committee urges that the campaign for this fund be vigorously prosecuted in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SETZER.

Foregoing motion pending to adopt report, Education was discussed by A. W. Setzer, S. A. Stroup and J. E. Wilson. The report was adopted.

In the absence of a report on Biblical Recorder the subject was discussed by J. J. Waldrop, S. H. Upton and J. E. Wilson.

There being no further business the Association adjourned with prayer by J. B. Bivins to meet at 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

At 9:30 the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Song—"How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer by S. A. Stroup.

Minutes of Thursday's proceedings read and adopted.

On motion it was decided to conclude the business of the Association Friday.

In the absence of a report on Pastoiral Support, the subject was discussed by J. E. Wilson and S. A. Stroup.

S. H. Upton read the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

In the absence of the report on Orphanage, the subject was discussed by S. H. Upton, J. J. Waldrop, S. A. Stroup and J. E. Wilson.

The report was adopted.

In the absence of a report on Sunday Schools the subject was discussed by L. H. Bumgardner, A. A. Hudson, A. P. Bumgardner and S. H. Upton.

The body adjourned one hour for dinner with prayer by A. P. Bumgardner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song—"Nearer, My God, To Thee."

Prayer by J. J. Waldrop.

At this time the Moderator extended the courtesy of the body to Dr. Flowers, of the Methodist Church.

On motion it was decided to request Dr. Van to meet with the representatives of the churches of the South Mountain Association at Zion Hill on Friday before the second Sunday in December for the purpose of launching the Million Dollar Campaign for Christian Education.

The Moderator appointed the following to write reports for next year:

Biblical Recorder,	J. E. Wilson
Pastorial Support,	S. H. Upton
Sunday Schools,	M. T. Leatherman
State Missions,	S. A. Stroup
Home Missions,	G. W. Hildebrand
Foreign Missions,	D. B. Mull
Orphanage,	Comon Upton
Old Ministers' Relief,	H. D. Starnes
Education,	L. F. Propst
Temperance,	W. Y. Frazer
Woman's Work and B. Y. P. U.,	O. A. Abee

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: S. A. Stroup and O. A. Abee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your committee on Time and Place, recommend Mt. Zion

the place. Thursday after the Second Sunday in October the time. A. P. Bumgardner to preach the introductory sermon and J. H. Cook alternate.

H. D. Starnes,
W. W. Berry,
S. H. Upton,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

For Minute Fund, $22.60.

D. B. Mull,
D. H. Fullbright,
Committee.

The report as adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved that the thanks of this body is due and hereby extended to Shoup's Grove Church for their generous hospitality shown us during this session of the Association.

S. H. Upton.

This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion the three mission questions were consolidated and discussed together.

J. J. Waldrop read the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The day is at hand when the Christian world should do something for Foreign Missions worthy of the great Being who gave His life to redeem the whole world, and South Mountain Association should take its place among the foremost associations in the State in fostering this mighty enterprise.

We must insist, however, as we have done so often, that it is hazardous to leave so much to be done during the last few days before the meeting of the Association. We have many urgent calls, it is true, and it may be the wisest policy to give each mission object a certain period of time, as we have done in the past; but if the churches would make their contributions weekly, or monthly, there would not be the necessity for the distressing appeals at the close of our Associational year. Our great trouble is that we are not reaching the masses of our people. We must press the work of enlistment more vigorously than ever before.

Perhaps the greatest danger confronting our denomination now is the peril of prosperity. Our people are growing wealthy at a marvelously rapid rate. God and Mammon are standing before us, each claiming our allegiance. We cannot serve both, we must choose between them. Upon the pastors of this Association rests a tremendous responsibility. They stand as watchmen on the walls. It is sad, but true, that the great army of Baptists are in danger of becoming hardshells in practice if not

in faith. Two-thirds of the so-called Missionary Baptists in South Mountain Association, gave not one penny last year to missions of any kind. In every Baptist pulpit in the State, and more especially the South Mountain Association, the solemn responsibility of stewardship should be a burning theme. The important question, "How much owest thou my Lord?" should be sounded into the ears of all our people until it finds an answer.

Oh, that we may have an Associational wide revival among the people of God and Mammon, that will cause us to enthrone Christ as Lord of our lives, and owner of all that we possess.

M. T. Leatherman.

A. P. Bumgardner read the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

It is a big job of letting Jesus use us to save our own country.

This work is administered by the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., Dr. R. D. Grey, Corresponding Secretary.

Southen Baptists gave to Home Missions last year $567,501.72.

The Home Mission work is done in the regular departments: Co-operative Missions with several State Mission Boards; Evangelism; Enlistment; Church Extension; Aid in Church building; Mountain Schools; Cuba and Panama; Publicity, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes.

Besides these regular kinds of work the Home Mission Board this year has aided in launching the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. It is also co-operating with the Northern Baptist Convention and the different State Boards of Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention in doing religious work among our American soldiers in camps in this country and in France.

There has never been such deep need of the gospel of Christ in our country as now; and never such ready response to it.

North Carolina Baptists gave to Home Missions last year $56,568.39.

The Southern Baptists Convention instructed its Home Mission Board to project its work this year on a basis of $1,000,000. The Home Mission Board is asking North Carolina Baptists to give $75,000 of this amount. Shall we do it? Will this Association do its part?

No Baptists can have the latest and best information on Home and Foreign Missions without reading the Home and Foreign Fields. Write Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., for it, fifty cents a year only. The reports of these two Boards in the Minutes of Southern Baptist Convention is the best reading matter of all on Home and Foreign Missions. Write Walter N. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, Raleigh, N. C., and enclose ten cents for postage and he will send you a copy.

A. P. Bumgardner.

R. T. Stephenson read the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is the task of permeating and transforming the life of the people of North Carolina with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This work is administered by the Board of Missions, Raleigh, N. C.

We are seeking to raise for this work this year $50,000. Last year we gave $45,273. The following is a tabulation of the work for this year on the mission field: Churches served 283, number missionaries 161, conversions 2,851, baptisms 1,765, received by letter 2,215, average Sunday-school attendance 17,264, Mission Study Classes 77, Men in Mission Study Classes 256, houses of worship building 37, houses of worship built 11, churches organized 14, number delegates attending denominational meetings 1,208, number business meetings this year 1,720, pastorial conferences 133, every-member canvasses 178, sermons 11,028, for missions undesignated $2,322.29, for State Missions $5,812.28, for Foreign Missions $2,929.77, for Home Missions $2,542.28, for Education $1,190.94, for Sunday-school Missions $876.24, for Ministers' Relief $613.82, for Orphanage $5,995.79, other objects $19,043.42, amount raised for all church expenses except pastors' salary $31,477.80. Amount paid on pastors' salary $41,828 97.

R. T. Stephenson.

On motion to adopt the foregoing reports, Missions were discussed by A. P. Bumgardner and A. A. Hudson. The reports were adopted.

J. J. Waldrop read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE, SOCIAL EVILS AND PUBLIC MORALS

While the great war on intemperance has by no means been fought to a successful close, the Christian forces may well rejoice in the progress made and the victories already won. More and more is the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicants being looked upon not only as detrimental to moral uprightness, but also as detrimental to the social and civic welfare of communities, States and nations.

The United States Congress has signed the death warrant of the liquor traffic. It is now up to the states to ratify the amendment submitted to them by Congress. Ratification by three-fourths of the states, or 36, by legislative action within a period of seven years is necessary for the adoption of amendment. Let all voters see to it that all legislative candidates are from now on forced to state their position on the liquor traffic question.

There are other evils than the liquor question that should demand our attention. Sabbath desecration, automobile or joy

riding on Sunday is an evil that is abroad in our land. This should be stamped out.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. Waldrop.

On motion to adopt the foregoing report the subject was discussed by J. J. Waldrop, A. P. Bumgardner and S. A. Stroup.

The Report was adopted.

Bro. J. B. Bivens read the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Since our last session of this Association, God has seen fit in His alwise Providence to call to himself many of His children.

Mt. Vernon—Sister Pothtenie Leatherman.

Connelly Springs—Bro. Horace Lail and wife.

Shoup's Grove—Sister Rosie Childers, Bro. Roy Hildebrand and others.

Pisgah—Sisters Alice Buff and Rebecca Horton.

Olive Grove—Sister Vassie Lail.

St. Paul—Bro. Huston Mull, Sisters Belindie Newton and Mary Philbeck.

Wilkie's Grove—Bro. John Craig.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Bivens.

There being no further business the Association adjourned with prayer by J. B. Bivens to meet with Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Thursday after the second Sunday in Oct. 1919.

J. E. Wilson, Moderator.
J. J. Waldrop, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Association."

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

3. This Association ought not to have, and shall not have any power to legislate; but may frame and devise plans, as an advisory council, for the faithful administration of the law of Christ.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective churches.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of votes required to elect.

6. No person shall be eligible to office who is not a member of this body.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all meetings for business, and the Clerk shall be required to keep or make faithful record of all transactions of the Association, and may act as Treasurer at the request of the Association.

8. Newly constituted churches may be received as constituent members of this body, upon giving satisfactory evidence of their orthodoxy in faith and practice.

9. This Constitution may be changed or amended at any time by two-thirds of the members concurring.

10. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates which has fifty members or under, one more delegate for twenty-five members over fifty.

11. Each ordained minister of this Association in good standing shall be an ex-officio member of this body.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting of business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the Moderator or some one whom he may appoint.

2. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Association.

4. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

5. During the hours of business all private conversation, walking across or out of the room, without permission of the Moderator first obtained, shall be considered a breach of order.

6. The delegates' names shall be called every day previous to proceeding business.

7. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the

mover and handed to the Moderator before debated.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order here arranged. No motion nor proposition different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Association.

11. No member shall absent himself from the service without leave of the Association.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the Moderator fail to enforce the rules and regulations, he should be regarded as untrue to his trust, and may be reminded of his duty by any member present.

14. The Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Churches, Temperance, Education, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Re-districting Association, Queries and Resolutions, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

15. Also an executive committee, to consist of five persons, and a finance committee of two, to continue for twelve months.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Time Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			Total
Beulah	S. A. Stroup ....Lincolnton	William Johnson ....Henry	2	$ 500	1					1	7	21	28
Corinth	J. H. Cook .....Casar	J. G. McNeilly ..Lawndale	1	500				2			18	25	43
Connelly Springs	A. W. Setzer .....Maiden	J. E. Wilson Rutherford Clg.	3	600		2	1	3			48	60	108
Hull's Grove ... Icard	C. E. Beaver .....Maiden	W. Y. Fraiser .....Icard	*	1,000	6	32							38
Mt. Vernon	J. F. Weathers Boiling Spgs	A. L. Deneny ....Lawndale	3	500	8	3		3		1	31	48	79
Mt. Zion	S. A. Stroup ....Lincolnton	M. T. Leatherman ..Henry	2	1,000	7	3		1			35	70	105
Mull's Chapel .. Olive Grove	C. Queen .....Belwood	David Wortman .....Casar	4	500	5	3	1	3	1	2	33	55	88
Pleasant Grove	J. P. Hogman .....Hudson	S. A. Carswell Connelly Spgs.	2	1,000	12	5	1			3	49	56	105
Pisgah	C. Queen .....Belwood	A. A. Parker .....Casar	3	1,000	6	3		2	1	2	40	55	95
Shoup's Grove	R. G. Short .....Marion	H. D. Starnes Connelly Spgs.	2	900	3	2		24	11	8	55	52	107
St. Paul	S. A. Stroup ....Lincolnton	L. H. Bumgardner ...Casar	1	1,000	17		1	2		2			203
St. John ..... Wilkie's Grove	C. E Beaver .....Maiden	A. A. Hudson .....Henry	2	1,000	6	6	2	1	3		35	95	130
Zion Hill	W. M. Gold ....Ellenboro	J. V. Procter Connelly Spgs.	2	1,000		1		3		3	55	107	162
* 2nd and 4th Sundays.		TOTAL		$10,500	71	60	6	44	16	22	406	644	1291

TABLE NO. II—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total
Beulah	40.00			6.00		1.00	1.00	1.00			1.00				50.00
Corinth	20.00			5.50		1.00		2.25			1.00				29.75
Connelly Springs	150.00		3.00	20.00		3.50	10.00	12.00	15.00	1.00	25.00	1.00	3.25	112.50	364.50
Hull's Grove ...															
Icard	101.35	750.00	50.00	28.00		2.25	10.00	5.00	2.50		9.52			75.00	1031.55
Mt. Vernon	155.50	140.00	63.74	11.92	1.00	2.10	3.00	3.00	4.60		13.87				398.73
Mt. Zion	50.00	2 88	9.00	5.00		1.50	1.00	1.50	2.00		5.00				77.88
Mull's Chapel ..															
Olive Grove	51.51			6.00		2.25		1.45	1.00		1.00		1.00		64.71
Pleasant Grove .	95.50		40.00	7.55		1.50					12.50				157.03
Pisgah	60.00			11.15	5.00	3.00	8.00				7.00				94.15
Shoup's Grove ..	200.00		.68	26.37		3.00	22.50	10.00	10.00		50.00			64.14	386.61
St. Paul	120.00		97.00	5.55	.50	3.00	6.00	6.00	6.00		13.97		1.10	2.45	261.57
St. John															
Wilkie's Grove .	120.00	175.00	41.18	12.00		2.00		1 88	10.00	3.65	20.00				375.61
Zion Hill	60.00	6.00		1.53	22.12	2.50	1.25	1.00	1.00		3.00				100.90
Grand Total	$1223.86	$1073 88	$304.60	$146.57	$28.62	$28.60	$62.75	$45.08	$52.10	$4.65	$162.86	$1.00	$5.35	$254 09	$3392.99

TABLE NO. III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	SECRETARIES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	No. of Schools	Off. & Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Ch. Mem. in S. S.	Mo. Kept Open	Bap. from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Total Contributions
Beulah	J. E. Hoffman .....Henry	Austin Rhoney .....Henry	1	7	55	58	14	9	1	6.00	1.00	1.00	8.00
Corinth	J. E. McNeilly ..Lawndale	P. A. Hoyle .....Casar	1	7	45	52	35	3		5.52			5.52
Connelly Springs	J. F. Cook ..Connelly Spgs.	A. S. Wilson Rutherford Clg.	1	4	61	65		12	1	30.00	6.00	8.50	44.50
Hull's Grove ...													
Icard	L. F. Propst .....Icard	W. Y. Fraiser .....Icard	1	5	67	72		12	6	12.00			12.00
Mt. Vernon	S. H. Upton .....Henry	Ivy Upton .....Henry	1	8	112	119	70	12	7	11.92			11.92
Mt. Zion	L. L. Willis .....Casar	Clem Wortman .....Casar	1	6	47	53	21	9	5	5.00		2.42	7.42
Mull's Chapel ..													
Olive Grove	Daniel Speak Connelly Spgs.	C. M. Cook .....Casar	1	8	35	43	25	9	1	6.00			6.00
Pleasant Grove .	J. R. Carswell .Morganton	J. L. Denton Connelly Spgs.	1	7	75	82	47	12	9	7.53			7.53
Pisgah	N. H. Parker .....Casar	Burgin Burns .....Casar	1	7	72	79		12	4	11.15			11.15
Shoup's Grove ..	D. H. Fullbright Connelly S.	H. D. Starnes Connelly Spgs.	1	7	50	70	25	12	1	26.37			26.37
St. Paul	L. H. Bumgardner ..Casar	Bertha Cook .....Belwood	1	7	72	79		6		5.55			5.55
St. John													
Wilkie's Grove .	A. A. Hudson .....Henry	Bessie Hudson .....Hickory	1	6	60	66	34	12	6	12.00			12.00
Zion Hill	Amos Swink Connelly Spgs.	C. D. Mitchem ....Lawndale	1	5	53	58		5		1.50			1.50
	Grand Total		13	84	804	896	271		40	$140 54	$7.00	$11.92	$159.46

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

OCTOBER 14-15, 1920

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its tenth annual session with Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Thursday and Friday, October 14th and 15th, 1920.

In the absence of O. A. Abee who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, the sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Snow, of Lincolnton. Text Matthew 17:5.

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

Afternoon Session

1:00 P. M.—Organization.

The roll of churches was called by the Clerk, J. B. Bivins and delegates enrolled as follows:

Connelly Springs: J. E. Wilson, J. F. Cook, W. W. Berry.

Beulah—William Johnson.

Hull's Grove: Vance Brendel, Common Upton, J. C. Martin, Clayton Willis, M. L. Hull.

Mt. Zion: A. L. Deveney, R. E. Newton, China Wall, Clem Wortman.

Mt. Vernon: David Wesson, L. H. Blanton, A. C. Leatherman, John Leatherman.

Pisgah: Andrew Costner, Zero Parker, C. Queen, N. H. Parker.

Olive Grove: D. D. Cook, W. M. Walker, Daniel Speak. Amos Wortman, Ben Buff.

Sroups Grove: D. H. Fullbright, O. M. Berry.

St. John: James Huffman, Z. M. Stamey, W. A. Keller, W. M. Reynolds.

Wilkies Grove: A. A. Hudson, G. W. Hildebrand, D. F. Bluff, J. A. Hudson

The organization was formed by electing J. E. Wilson Moderator, J. J. Waldrop, Clerk. The moderator appointed the following committees:

Time and Place—P. M. Leatherman, Anderson, Canipe, and James Huffman.

Finance Committee—A. C. Leatherman, Noah Parker.

Committee on Religious Exercise—Pastor W. F. Weathers and Deacons of the entertaining church.

Report on Orphanage

Rev. W. L. Barrs offered the following report on Orphanage: The Thomasville Orphanage is one institution among North

Carolina Baptist whose appeals never fall on deaf ears. It is the appeal of childhood, and hard indeed is that heart which is closed against that appeal. But the Orphanage has long since ceased to be a mere emotional institution dependent on pathetic appeals for its support. God forbid that it should ever lose the emotional element which softens the hearts of men. But it stands for far more than that, it is a great Baptist business insitution standing for the development of character and the building of the kingdom.

The support that North Carolina Baptist shall give during the coming year must be in keeping with the increased cost of living and the demands for enlargements to better take care of the growing work of the Orphanage. We feel that there are three things which this Association should do.

First. Every member of every church should visit the Orphanage if possible. There is nothing earthly which will so enlarge a man's heart and fill it with a deep love and lift him towards heaven than to go and see the Orphanage. It seems like holy ground. God is in the midst.

Second. Every Sunday School in this Association should take the Charity and Children and read it. In clubs of ten or more sixty cents a year, put it in every home and every Sunday school ought to give one Sunday's collection each month to the Orphanage.

Third. Every church in this Association should urge that every member should give a days work at Thanksgiving.

W. L. BARRS

On motion to adopt the subject was discussed by Rev. W. L. Barrs, of the Catawba River Association; Rev. S. A. Stroup, of the South Fork Association. Report adopted.

At this time the Moderator recognized and extended hearty welcome to the following visiting brethren: Rev. W. L. Barrs, of Catawba River Association; Rev. J. A. Snow, of South Fork Association; Rev. C. F. Felmit and J. P. Felmit, of Broad River Association; J. O. Allen, South Fork Association; Rev. H. S. Benfield, of Catawba River Association; J. C. Abee, Catawba River Association; Rev. B. H. Laughrige, South Fork Association.

Biblical Recorder—In the absence of this report the subject was discussed by Rev. S. A. Stroup, H. S. Benfield, James R. Huffman

Pastoral Support—This subject was discussed by Rev. J. A. Snow and W. L. Barrs.

Brother J. B. Bivins read the following report on Sunday Schools:

Report on Sunday School—Your appointee wishes to sub-

mit the following report. The Sunday School is a place where people gather to read and study the Scriptures. The Sunday School and its pupils is the nursery of the church. And we earnestly recommend that every member of the church go to Sunday School. especially heads of families and bring the children: because the children of today will be the church of tomorrow.

The Sunday School is the place to train up the children in the right way and to make Scriptural impression in the mind. The Roman Catholics say: "Give us the first seven years of a child's life and then you can have the rest of its life."

We recommend that every member of the church strive to make the Sunday School interesting by using good literature and by selecting the best of officers and teachers available.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. BIVINS

On motion pending to adopt the foregoing report Sunday Schools was discussed by J. O. Allen. The report was adopted.

The committee on Religious Exercise reported that Rev. J. P. Felmit would preach at 7:30 P. M. The body adjourned to meet at 9:30 Friday morning.

Night Session

Devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor.
Sermon by J. P. Felmit. Text Matthew 16:18.

Friday Morning Session

9:30—Song "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Devotional exercise by W. R. Bradshaw.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The moderator appointed the following committee to write reports for next year:

Biblical Recorder—J. E. Wilson.
Pastoral Support—S. H. Upton.
Sunday Schools—James Huffman.
State Missions—J. B. Bivens.
Home Missions—A. C. Leatherman.
Foreign Missions—G. W. Hildebran.
Orphanage—J. G Leatherman.
Ministerial Relief—H. D. Starnes.
Education—L. H. Bumgardner.
Temperance—A. A. Hudson.
W. M. U.—David Wesson.

FINANCIA

	CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building And Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	Minute Fund	Other Objects	[illegible]
1	Beulah	$ 65.00	$	$	$ 6.00	$	$ 1.00	$
2	Connelly Springs	200.00		21.25	25.00		2.55	7
3	Corinth							
4	Hull's Grove	150.00	800.00	45.00	40.00		2.00	1
5	Icard	200.00			32.42			1
6	Mt. Zion	125.00	40.00	22.10	8.00		2.75	
7	Mt. Vernon	79.00		10.17	37.24		1.50	
8	Olive Grove	100.00	2.00	1.75	15.00	2.00	1.00	
9	Pisgah	60.00		81.00	31.64	14.85		
10	Pleasant Grove	159.58		12.12	9.75	27.81		
11	Shoups Grove	213.89	10.00	238.35	18.64			
12	St. Johns	150.00		38.00	12.00		2.50	
13	St. Pauls	160.50		18.05	9.00			
14	Wilkies Grove	204.71			6.81	8.00	3.00	
15	Zion Hill	50.95			5.70			
16	Abee's Chapel*							
	TOTAL	$1918.63	$852.00	$487.79	$257.20	$52.66	$16.30	$4

*No Report

TABLE

State Missions	Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministerial Relief	Hospitals	All Objects
10.00	$ 4.00	$ 2.00	$ 4.00	$ 1.00	$. . .	$ 7.00	$....	$....	$ 90.00
129.00	. . . .	41.80	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	60.00	. . . . .	. . . . .	551.60
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87.65	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	1,137.15
150.00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	434.50
56.05	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	.75	. . . .	254.65
105.90	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	271.57
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96.00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	60.05	. . . .	. . . .	716.93
73.00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	276.15
17.00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	204.55
73.15	10.00	1.00	10.00	10.00	2,00	25,00	2.00	1.00	386.67
26.25	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	.12.00	. . . .	. . . .	96.15
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$24.00	$16.00	$44.80	$16.80	$11.00	$200	$170.30	$2.75	$1.00	$5.019.47

B. Y. P. U.—Scott Buff.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—James Huffman, J. E. Wilson.

The following churches presented their letters and delegates were enrolled:

Beulah—J. E. Huffman.

Pleasant Grove—J. L. Denton.

St. Paul—C. C. Crotts.

Report on State Missions—State Missions should be given the very best of our thoughts, as upon State Missions hinges all other of our objects as Southern Baptist. The speedy evangelization of the State will mean a greater force for all other objects. North Carolina has hundreds of thousands of lost souls. Surely our task of State evangelization is great, and the need for a larger force is plainly seen. We have greatly increased our contributions for State Missions during the last year, but the State Board has enlarged its work so much that the funds are still insufficient to meet the need of the Board. We should endeavor to increase our contributions to State Missions so that our board may be able to send out preachers where they are needed.

Another great need is the building of churches. There are many places needing Baptist churches where the congregations are small, and if given a lift by our State Board would soon become strong churches. Many of our strongest churches were at some time helped by the State Board.

There are many towns in North Carolina without Baptist churches. Surely we as Baptist, if we are to take the world for Christ, must first take our own state for Him. Then the force will be greater to do the work. God is laying it upon the hearts of His people to "Go in and possess the land". Shall we shrink from this wonderful task of making North Carolina Christian? God forbid. May every Baptist give for State Missions as the Lord has prospered them. Then our God will wonderfully bless us.

H. S. BENFIELD

Report on Home Mission—Our Home Mission Board covers the Southern States, Panama, Cuba, Isle of Pines and New Mexico.

Our Home Board is styled as Judea and Samaria. Our Home Board shares largely in the campaign fund. Its work is to assist in preaching the true gospel where the people are unable to support the gospel preachers; also to teach men, both spiritual and literal, that they may be able to know the truth as it is taught in Gods word when they hear it. Hence we preach, teach, care for the poor, heal the sick, support the widow, the orphan,

the old preachers, bless humanity in every way the gospel teaches that we can and must.

Our Home Board becomes more and more in need of financial help every year on account of the great increase in population. We must remember that the length of life being greater today, the increase in births, the decrease in deaths and the thousands of foreigners coming over to our country every year all go to make the needs of our Home Board greater, and then too, we have new doctrines to creep in every year. Let us therefore remember brethren:

First. That we are the only body that preaches and teaches the whole truth, nothing more nor less.

Second. We have the key to life eternal.

Third. God has left it to us to save or lose our country.

Hence let all of us rally to the support of our Home Mission Board along with all other causes as well as the church pastor.

Respectfully submitted

J. P. FELMET, Committee

P. A. Carpenter read the following report on "Temperance":

Temperance means the restraining of immoderate indulgence in appetite.

But we want to emphasize the evils of strong drink as it does its detrimental work right her in our midst. During the lapse of a few years many young men have been killed on account of liquor.

It takes the bread out of the mouths of children, the clothes off their backs and makes a demon of the father and husband of her whom just a few years ago at the altar he promised to protect and love.

Brethren, let us put our foot down on this great evil. Just a few years ago when the epidemic of flu broke out large sums of money was expended for its prevention. Today we are facing a greater epidemic, the evil of strong drink, carrying hundreds and thousands to a drunkards grave and drunkards hell.

P. A. CARPENTER

On motion to adopt the report "Temperance" was discussed by P. A. Carpenter, David Wesson, C. F. Felmit, W. F. Weathers.

Report Adopted

Rev. H. S. Benfield read the report of State Missions.

J. J. Waldrop on Foreign Missions.

J. P. Felmit on Home Missions.

On motion to adopt these reports, missions was discussed by H. S. Benfield, J. P. Felmit, W. R. Bradshaw.

Reports adopted.

On motion the clerk was instructed to arrange order of business for next year and have same printed in minutes.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

Afternoon Session

Song—"Rock of Ages".

Devotional exercises by H. S. Benfield.

Body called to order by Moderator.

Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher—We your committee on time and place report St. John the place, Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October 1921.

J. J. Waldrop to preach the introductory sermon. David Wesson, alternate.

P. M. LEATHERMAN, for Committee

Resolutions—Whereas, there was no minutes published last year of this Association be is resolved:

First. That the clerk be instructed to have published in this years minutes a statement of the names of the officers and the statistical and financial report and name of church where session was held.

Second. That the clerk is hereby instructed to receipt the former clerk for minute fund of last year and apply same to publishing minutes of this year.

A. L. DEVENEY

Resolution adopted.

Resolution of Thanks—Resolved that this association extend by a rising vote our profound thanks to Mt. Vernon church and community for their bountiful hospitality shown us during this session of the Association.

L. H. BUMGARNER

Report of Finance Committee—We your finance committee report $17.25 for minute fund.

A. C. LEATHERMAN
N. H. PARKER

Ministerial Relief—No report. Discussed by C. F. Felmit.

Education—No report. Discussed by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

There being no further business the association adjourned to meet at St. John, October 13th and 14th, 1921.

J. E. WILSON, Moderator.
J. J. Waldrop, Clerk.

There being no minutes published last year, the following is a financial and statistical report of last year. The session was held with the Mt. Zion church, in Cleveland county, three miles south of Casar, N. C.

Officers—J. E. Wilson, Moderator; J. B. Bivins, Clerk.
Total Sunday School enrollment 1101. Contributions $224.44.
Total Membership 1677
Total Contribution for all objects $6,539.38.

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RULES OF ORDER

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P. M. DEAL,
D. H. FULLBRIGHT,
A. A. PARKER,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its eleventh annual session with St. John's church, at eleven o'clock a. m., Thursday, October 13th, 1921.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Waldrop. Text: Mark 7-24.

Then adjourned until 1:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional service conducted by Rev. W. W. Rimmer.

Then the roll of churches was called and the names of the following delegates enrolled:

Beulah: William Johnson.

Connelly Springs: J. E. Wilson, P. M. Deal, W. W. Berry and J. L. Smith.

Corinth: E. C. Hull.

Icard: J. F. Finger, L. F. Propst and R. B. Abernethy.

Mt. Zion: A. M. Wall, C. S. Lindsay and Horace Cook.

Mt. Vernon: P. M. Leatherman, J. D. Leatherman, David Wesson, L. H. Blanton and R. L. Hoyle.

Olive Grove: D. D. Cook and W. S. Johnson.

Pispah: A. A. Parker, Geo. Queen, Brodie Parker, C. Queen and Cordie Parker.

Pleasant Grove: F. A. Butler and Delphia Butler.

Shoup's Grove: O. M. Berry, Mrs. H. D. Starnes and D. H. Fullbright.

St. John's: W. A. Keller, Jas. R. Huffman, Z. M. Stamey, J. L. Vanhorn and Amos Huffman.

St. Paul: L. H. Bumgardner.

Wilkie's Grove: A. A. Hudson, Miss Essie Young and G. W. Hildebran.

Zion Hill: Amos Swink, J. A. Hudson, M. C. Buff, Martha Hudson and Texie Miller.

Walker's Chapel: Makie Huffman.

Zoar: Reorganized and represented by letter.

Then the body organized for the eleventh annual session by electing J. E. Wilson, Moderator, and A. A. Parker, Clerk.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed to the meeting of the session the following brethren: Rev. G. V. Tillie, of Statesville; Revs. S. A. Stroup and A. W. Setzer, from the South Fork Association; Revs. W. W. Rimmer and J. J. Waldrop, from the Gaston county, Rev. J. H. Boggs, from the Green River, and Rev. M. L.

Clark, from the Catawba River associations. The chairman appointed the following committees:

Finance: D. H. Fulbright and Z. M. Stamey.

Time and Place: P. M. Deal, O. M. Berry and Amos Swink.

Religious Exercises: Pastor and deacons of entertaining church.

In the absence of the reports on State Missions and Biblical Recorder, Rev. G. V. Tilley, who was here by request of the State Mission Board, was recognized and made a very forceful plea for the cause of State Missions. Biblical Recorder was discussed by J. E. Wilson and J. R. Huffman, and on Friday by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, who was here then to represent the Biblical Recorder. After prayer by M. L. Clark, adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

EVENING SERVICES

9:30 P. M.

Religious services conducted by Rev. A. W. Setzer.

The Moderator appointed P. M. Deal, A. A. Parker and D. H. Fulbright a committee to prepare and submit at the morning session a revised draft of the constitution. Then adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Boggs.

House called to order by Moderator and minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved. Called for reports of committee on revision of constitution and the following draft was offered:

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On motion, discussed and adopted by unanimous vote.

Chairman appointed as a committee to nominate members of the executive board for election the following: Pink Leatherman, D. A. Fulbright and J. F. Finger. The Moderator appointed the following committees to write reports for next year:

Foreign Missions: J. H. Boggs.
Home Missions: H. S. Benfield.
State Missions: J. E. Wilson.
Orphanage: David Wesson.
Sunday Schools: L. H. Bumgardner.
Periodicals: A. A. Parker.
Education: A. W. Setzer.
Old Ministers' Relief: Pink Leatherman.
B. Y. P. U.: Sigman Mingus.
Temperance: C. Queen.

Revs. W. R. Bradshaw and M. I. Harris, of the South Fork Association, were recognized by the Moderator.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school is the teaching agency of the church. Many of our churches are not giving as much attention to this work as its importance demands. There are two objects for which we should strive, viz: enlargement and efficiency. These objectives are best accomplished through organized classes and teacher training. The Sunday school ought to be made a mighty agency in evangelism and church efficiency. Your committee urges that

pastors and leaders in our churches place greater emphasis upon the Sunday school work of the Association.

JAS. R. HUFFMAN, Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the subject was discussed by J. R. Huffman, Amos Swink, C. Queen, W. A. Keller and A. A. Hudson; then adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Thomasville Orphanage is an institution for the education and making of the Christian character of the Baptist orphans of North Carolina, and should have the hearty support of every North Carolina Baptist.

Their cry comes from all over the State, but there is no room for them. This is one characteristic of the pure and undefiled religion to support the orphanage. The orphanage is supported by the free will offerings of the Baptist churches of North Carolina. What are you going to do about it?

We, your committee, recommend that the churches take a Thanksgiving offering for the orphanage, and that the pastors of this Association indoctrinate their people to liberally support the orphanage.

May God bless Thomasville Orphanage.

Humbly submitted,

JOHN H. BOGGS.

On motion to adopt, orphanage was discussed by J. H. Boggs and S. A. Stroup; then adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As Baptists, the demand is upon us to give the whole gospel to the whole world. Our Lord said, "Go ye into all the world;" and Paul recognized the obligation in his saying in Rom. 1:14, "I am debtor."

We now have approximately 350 missionaries and 1000 native helpers. The last year was the most fruitful year in the history of our missionary operations. There is perhaps no religious activity that manifests in greater degree the unselfish spirit of the Christ than foreign missions. We need to give larger place in our thinking, prayers and giving to this God-given task of giving the gospel to the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SETZER.

Pending motion to adopt the report was discussed by A. W Setzer and W. W. Rimmer; then adopted.

Recess for one hour. Prayer offered by C. Queen.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional exercise conducted by Rev. M. I. Harris.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Time and Place recommended that the next session be held with the Pisgah church, near Casar, on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in September, 1922. Rev. A. W. Setzer to preach the introductory sermon, David Wesson alternate. Report adopted.

Committee on nominations for members of Executive Board, submit the names of J. R. Huffman, F. J. Leatherman, H. D. Starnes and G. W. Hildebrand. On motion and second the four names submitted were elected.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a subject that should have a large place in the minds of the Christian and moral people of the present day. Public sentiment has grown by leaps and bounds in the last decade against the evils of strong drink. Since coming on these grounds we have been informed that even in this section the liquor traffic is not one-half so bad as it was one year ago. We rejoice to hear of this progress. Great as are the evils of strong drink we feel that the minds of our people should be called to the growing tendency of a great many church people to disregard the Sabbath and seek after worldly pleasure. We would offer the following resolutions:

1: That we, the representatives of this Association, hereby pledge ourselves to do all within our power to eliminate the evils of strong drink from our midst by eliminating the the manufacturing and sale of strong drink and save our youths for God and useful service and our old men from shame and a drunkard's grave.

2. That we pledge ourselves to strive to educate our people to eschew the evils of intemperance and worldliness, and obtain and hold fast to that which is good.

J. J. WALDROP.

After a very enthusiastic discussion by A. A. Hudson, Amos Swink, C. Queen, M. I. Harris and W. A. Keller, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Christianity is missionary in its very essince. The history

of our denomination is a history of missions. If our mission spirit ever declines that will be a signal for denomination and spiritual stagnation. Home missions has to do with our own land. The two great tasks before Southern Baptists are evangilation and enlistment. We have about fifty evangelist and evangelistic singers. The Home and State Mission Boards together have about eighty enlistment workers. There are 4,000 churches in the South without houses of worship. We have within our bounds four millions of foreigners, 140,000 Indians and nine millions of negroes. In Cuba we have 60 churches and 48 missionaries. All as a denomination that Southern Baptists are doing for the salvation of those above mentioned is through the Home Mission Board. As we appreciate the souls of our neighbors, let us co-operate with our Home Board and contribute to its support.

J. H. BOGGS.

Pending motion to adopt the report was discussed by Revs. J. H. Boggs and W. R. Bradshaw; then adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee of Finance, report $32.50 collected for publication of Minutes and $12.70 subscribed not yet paid in.

D. H. FULBRIGHT.
Z. M. STAMEY.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved: That our thanks are sincere and are hereby extended to St. John's church for its generous hospitality in entertaining the Association.

A. W. SETZER.

On motion the Executive Committee was authorized and empowered to arrange for a union meeting.

On motion adjourned to meet next year with Pisgah church, near Casar, on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in September, 1921.

Closing prayer by W. R. Bradshaw.

J. E. WILSON, Moderator,
A. A. PARKER, Clerk,
Rutherford College, N. C.
Casar, N. C.

Table II--Financial

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesig'ted)	State & Associ. Mis	Home Mis	Foreign Mis.	Orphanage	TOTAL
Abee's Chapel													
Beulah	$ 50.00	$	$ 1.50	$10.50	$	$1.00	$	$ 3.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 2.00	$ 71.00
Connelly Springs	200.00	30.00	80.00	62.00	22.00	5.05	35.00	132.00				40.00	606.05
Corinth	75.00			6.00		1.00						1.60	83.60
Icard	202.00	76.75	35.00	29.45		2.00		27.00				15.00	387.19
Mt. Zion	100.00		15.15	8.00		3.20		83.75					210.10
Mt. Vernon	200.00			32.29		2.50		64.50					299.29
Olive Grove	79.50			8.67	22.50	.50		1.00			1.00		123.17
Pisgah	63.18			17.80		3.00	76.00		2.00	1.23	4.00	5.00	172.21
Pleasant Grove	103.88		60.00	7.00		2.00							172.88
Shoup's Grove	160.73	171.30	149.20	28.90	12.71	5.00		130.64				42.65	658.48
St. John's	96.57	3000.00	65.44	13.51		4.00		33.00					3212.52
St. Paul	75.00		40.00	12.00		3.00		19.50				30.00	149.50
Wilkie's Grove	134.04		2.00	13.67	14.47	4.00	93.78		10.00	19.00	2.75	30.00	323.71
Walker's Chapel	50.12			5.00	35.00	1.00							91.12
Zion Hill	50.35					2.00		6.50				5.00	63.85
Zoar	10.50	500.00		10.00									520.50
	$1,6650.87	$3,577.05	$448.29	$264.79	$10668	*	$204.78	$500.89	$13.00	$21.23	$8.75	$141.25	$7145.17

*Not correct

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CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	
Abee's Chapel			
Beulah	W. M. Gould		W.
Connelly Springs	H. S. Benfield	Moganton R 5	J. E
Corinth	J. F. Weathers	Casar	J. G
Icard	H. S. Benfield	Morganton	J. F.
Mt. Zion	J. F. Weathers	Casar	A. T
Mt. Vernon	A. W. Setzer	Maiden	R. L
Olive Grove	J. F. Weathers	Casar	D. W
Pisgah	C. Queen	Belwood	A. A
Pleasant Grove	C. Queen	Belwood	S. A
Shoup's Grove	J. H. Boggs	Hickory R. 4	D. D
St. John	M. L. Clark	Morganton	Z. M
St. Paul	S. L. Blanton	Ellenboro	L. H
Wilkie's Grove	J. H. Boggs	Icard	A. A
Zion Hill	C. Queen	Belwood	J. V
Walker's Chapel	Amos Swink	Connelly Springs	J. W
Zoar	J. H. Boggs	Icard	H. C
			Total

Table III

CHURCH	SUPT.	POST OFFICE	SECR
Abee's Chapel			
Connelly Springs	J. F. Cook	Connelly Springs	A. S. W
Beulah	J. C. Mull	Henry R. 1	E. M. P
Corinth	J. G. McNeely	Lawndale R. 1	P. G. H
Icard	M. B. Bollinger	Icard	L. F. P
Mt. Zion	A. N. Wall	Casar R. 1	J. F. L
Mt. Vernon	J. F. Leathern	Henry R. 1	Philip
Olive Grove	J. H. Cook	Casar	Sidney
Pisgah	Z. H. Parker	Casar	Brodie
Pleasant Grove	T. R. Smith	Morganton R. 4	J. L. D
Shoup's Grove	D. H. Fulbright	Icard	H. D. S
St. John's	J. R. Huffman	Connelly Springs	S. L. H
St. Paul	L. H. Bumgarner	Casar	Ava Bu
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson		J. L. H
Walker's Chapel	S. J. Keller	Connelly Springs R. 3	J. W. K
Zion Hill			
Zoar	M. C. Stamey	Connelly Springs R. 1	Esther

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PROCEEDINGS

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Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Setzer. Text Jerm. 2-13.

Then adjourned until 1:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. H. S. Benfield.

Then the roll of churches was called and the following delegates enrolled:

Abee's Chapel: S. S. Hildebran and John Abee.

Beulah: Pink Tallent, Arthur Young and W. M. Johnson.

Bethany: P. S. Hildebran.

Connelly Springs: J. E. Wilson, J. F. Cook, O. A. Abee and P. M. Deal.

Corinth: J. G. McNeely, J. H. Hoyle and Alonzo Smith.

Icard: J. B. Epps.

Mull's Chapel: W. F. Mull.

Mt. Vernon: J. F. Leatherman, R. L. Hoyle, W. F. Wesson and Rev. David Wesson.

Mt. Zion: Roland Price, Otis Cook and Clem Wortman.

Olive Grove: D. D. Cook, David Wortman, Daniel Spake and W. M. Walker.

Pleasant Grove: S. S. Carswell, Delphia Butler, Margie Carswell and Alonzo Butler.

Pisgah: A. Costner, P. L. Buff, A. A. Parker, J. C. Costner and Julias Pruett.

Shoup's Grove: D. H. Fulbright and O. M. Berry.

St. John's: J. R. Huffman, W. A. Keller and Z. M. Stamey.

St. Paul: C. C. Crotts, L. H. Bumgardner, A. P. Meade, Bertha Crotts, Mamie Ritch, Verna Crotts, Flossie Cook, Donnie Wright and Lela Crotts.

Walker's Chapel: Frank Carswell, Calvin Cook, Rhodie Huffman and Dora Cook.

Wilkie's Grove: A. A. Hudson.

Zoar: H. C. Taylor and Mrs. H. C. Taylor.

Zion Hill: W. K. Ramsey, M. C. Buff, A. Buff, W. M. Hudson, A. Swink and Martha Hudson.

Then went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows, viz: Moderator, J. E. Wilson; Vice-Moderator, D. A. Fulbright; Clerk, A. A. Hudson; Treasurer, Summie Wesson.

Called for churches to join the body, and Bethany was taken

under the watchcare until a letter could be secured.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance: N. A. Parker and O. M. Berry.

Committee on Nomination of Members Executive Board: P. M. Deal, Amos Swink and A. A. Hudson.

Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting: O. M. Berry, A. A. Hudson and O. A. Abee.

The following visitors were welcomed to the meeting of the Association: Rev. A. I. Justice, from Hendersonville, representing the State Mission Board; Dr. E. B. Dillard, representing Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, and Mrs. T. B. Henry, representing the Charlotte division of the W. M. U. of the State. Revs. W. R. Bradshaw, S. A. Stroup and J. H. Boggs were also recognized. Afterwards the following reports were read and discussed:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of our Southern Baptist Home Mission Society embraces the following departments: Evangelism, Missionary, Enlistment, Church-Building, Mountain Schools and Publicity. Dominating its whole programme is an aggressive spirit of evangelism, enlightenment, enlistment of all our Southern Baptist forces for the conquest of the home land for Christ. Among the outstanding achievements of the Board since the 75 Million Campaign began, are the following: Launching a work among the Jews with gratifying results; the increasing of the church building fund, and provision for making loans to weak churches. The Seaman's Institute at Jacksonville, Fla., is giving the gospel to thousands of seamen, and great improvement is made in our mountain school property where our six thousand pupils were enrolled last year. A decided enlargement has been made for work among the foreigners and Indians in our country. As many foreigners come to our country every year we should give loyal support to our Home Mission Board, to enable it to give the gospel to them before they sow the seed of heathenism in America. In every branch of the work God has set his seal of approval. Our home missionaries have been encouraged the last year by the conversion and baptism of 65,164 persons, the greatest number ever converted in one year. Many new fields "are ripe into harvest." Shall we not hear the command of the Master, "Go up and possess the land?"

H. S. BENFIELD.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Rev. H. S. Benfield and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This is a day when much emphasis is being put on education. Every one must admit that knowledge is power, and that ignor-

ance is a social and civic menace. The condition of the near-illiterate is scarcely better than that of the wholly illiterate. But we have come to the time when an education is recognized as the inalienable right of every one. We should, however, be much concerned about what kind of education is provided for our people, for we shall surely reap in the future what we put into our schools of today. It is the opinion of your committee that the State and those in charge of any private and denominational schools cannot exercise too much care in the selection of both teachers and text books, and should not lose sight of the fact that whatever tends to undermine the great facts of the Christian religion will ultimately result in lowering the standard of citizenship and endanger the perpetuity of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SETZER.

On motion to adopt report was discussed by Rev. A. W. Setzer and then adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Thomasville Orphanage is an institution for education and making of the Christian character of Baptist orphans in North Carolina. It should have the hearty support of every Baptist in the State. The cry comes from all over the State, but there is no room for the little ones. So was the cry of the babe Moses (Exodus 2:6-11) "and she opened it and saw the child and behold, the babe wept and she had compassion on him. And it came to pass in those days when Moses was growing up that he went out unto his brethren and looked on their burdens." This is one characteristic of the pure and undefiled religion to support the orphanage. We, your committee, recommend that the churches take a Thanksgiving offering for the orphanage and that the pastors of this association indoctrinate their people to liberally support the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WESSON, Chm. of Com.

Pending the motion to adopt the subject was discussed by David Wesson, Dr. E. B. Dillard, special representative from the orphanage, and S. A. Stroup. Then adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We should stand by and vigorously push our Baptist papers into every Baptist home by one of these methods because of the following meaningful facts:

1. It will enlighten, enlist and inspire our people in all the work of the churches and Kingdom.

2. It will be the best and greatest assistant to the pastor

and the work he does.

3. It will be the best means of carrying the denominational work of missions, education and benevolence to the hearts of all our people.

4. It will be the greatest advertisement for our Baptist schools, hospitals and orphanages, and will thus enlarge their influence and power.

5. It will be the greatest means of distributing the doctrines of stewardship, evangelism and the inspiring message of the gospel to the souls of the rising generation.

We owe it to ourselves, to our pastors and their great leadership, to our churches and the causes that foster, to our children and their spiritual needs, to a lost world as it is imperiled by the doom of sin, and to Jesus Christ, His cross, His truth, and His crown, to do this worthy thing in a fashion pleasing to Him.

A. A. PARKER.

Report discussed by J. E. Wilson and Rev. A. I. Justice. Then adopted.

Then announcement of preaching at 8:00 p. m. by Dr. E. B. Dillard. On motion adjourned until Friday, 9:30 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. W. Setzer. House called to order by Moderator, and minutes of Thursday's proceedings read and approved.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Jesus was the first State Missionary. His coming had been long expected. The Father had promised to send Him and the prophets had declared that he would come. They had even foretold the time of His coming, the manner of his coming and his linage. John the Baptist had declared that the time of His coming was at hand, and one day as he was baptising in Jordan, he beheld and declared He is even here. And it was so. During His itinerary of three years He confined His labors to the lost sheep of house and Israel. When He had finished His work in the world, before ascending into Heaven, His little band of disciples was gathered about Him, and He gave them His last command: "Ye shall be witnesses for me not only in Jerusalem and Judeah, but in Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world." This command to go to the uttermost parts of the world did not take the emphasis off of preaching at Jerusalem, but gave His disciples a deeper conception of the plan of salvation and placed on them a greater responsibility. Before we can send preachers, teachers and doctors to the home or foreign fields we must have

strong churches at home, it is necessary to prepare the soil, sow the seed and cultivate the growing crops. The Baptist State Mission Board was established nearly one hundred yearsago for the cooperation of the Baptist people of the State. Through its different agencies, weak churches have been strengthened, mission points have been established, churches organized and houses of worship erected and the gospel preached. In addition to this, Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s for the teaching of God's word, have been organized and developed, houses for the orphan children have been provided, and now a hospital for the treatment of the sick. Through the influence of the preaching and teaching of the Scripture 46 per cent of all money pledged in our 75 Million Campaign will be given to home and foreign missions. Since so much depends on the home church, we regret that in our own Association there are several churches that seem to be asleep and are not making any effort to help in the great work of sending the gospel to those who have it not, or to develop work at home.

J. E. WILSON.

Pending motion to adopt was discussed by J. E. Wilson and Rev. A. I. Justice. Then adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The future of our Baptist churches rests with God and Baptist young people. The B. Y. P. U. is an organized effort of our churches to develop our young people to a degree of efficiency hitherto not obtained, the motto of which is: "We Study That We May Love." To accomplish this the B. Y. P. U. seeks to deepen the spiritual life of our young people, train them in the distinctive doctrines of our faith and lead them into performing the active duties of church life. In short, the B. Y. P. U. is the training camp for our Baptist young people. Our churches cannot place too much emphasis upon this phase of our denominational task. Your committee recommends the appointment of a B. Y. P. U. director for this Association, who, as opportunity affords, shall visit theh churches in the interest of this important work and organize a B. Y. P. U. in as many of the churches as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SETZER.

Report discussed by A. W. Setzer and A. I. Justice. Then adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

As the one appointed to prepare a report on this subject was not present, Mrs. Henry, State representative of the Char-

lotte division, delivered a very able and pleasing address on the work of the W. M. U.

Recess for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by song and prayer.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your committee, recommend that the next session be held with the Icard church on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1923. Rev. A. J. Hackney to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. David Wesson Alternate.

O. M. BERRY.

Report adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report $48.25 collected for printing. O. M. BERRY and N. H. PARKER.

Report accepted.

Committee to Nominate Members of the Executive Board: P. M. Deal, Amos Swink and A. A. Hudson.

AMEND CONSTITUTION.

On motion, Article Ten of the Constitution was amended by more than a two-thirds vote, placing seven members on the Executive Committee.

Committee on Nomination of Executive Board submitted the names: Ervin Smith, David Wesson, J. R. Huffman, Mrs. J. F. Cook and Miss Ora Bumgarner. On motion they were elected.

Elected for Stewardship and Enlistment Committee: P. M. Deal, Bradie Parker, O. A. Abee, Sarah Wortman and Essie Young.

Advisory Committee: L. H. Bumgarner, Amos Swink, Margie Carswell and Summie Wesson.

The Moderator appointed the following to write reports for next year:

For Missions: Rev. A. W. Setzer.
Home Missions: David Wesson.
State Missions: H. S. Benfield.
Orphanage: O. A. Abee.
Sunday School: Bradie Parker.
Periodicals: Summie Wesson.
Education: J. E. Wilson.
B. Y. P. U.: A. A. Parker.
Temperance: J. R. Huffman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board has received up to January 1, 1922, the sum of $5,434,012.53. Among the larger accomplishments this fund has made possible are the following:

Marked improvements and reinforcements in a material way, of the older work in the fields of China, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Africa, including the building of or material additions to 16 boys' schools, 20 girls' schools, 37 mission residences, 5 hospitals and dispensaries, 4 light and power plants for mission compounds.

30 church buildings, 4 colleges, 1 normal school, 7 theological seminaries and Bible schools, and 4 publishing houses. The board has also aided 7 church building loan associations, opened number of new stations, bought land for the enlargement of several mission compounds, provided an orphanage at Rome to care for the war orphans of Italy, and purchased a block of land in the heart of Rome, the buildings on which are being converted into a church building, theological seminary, publishing house and mission residence.

The board has entered the new fields of Spain, Jugo Slavia, Hungary, Roumania, Southern Russia, Syria, Palestine, and Siberia, all of which are fraught with great promise. With the opening of these new fields, an unbroken chain encircling the globe is in the hands of Southern Baptists, a combined population of 900,000,000. The Board is greatly in need of funds to carry on its work; let us do our best, and in the end reap what we have sown.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BOGGS.

On motion to adopt discussed by Rev. J. H. Boggs and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

In absence of report on temperance, the subject was ably discussed by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw and Dr. E. B. Dillard.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved: That this body extend its most profound thanks to the Pisgah church and community for the hospitality accorded all who have attended this session of the Association.

H. S. BENFIELD.

Adopted.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Amos Swink, Connelly Springs, Route 3.
C. Queen, Bellwood.
J. H. Cook, Casar.
David Wesson, Henry, Route 1.
J. S. Dietz, Connelly Springs.
W. B. Mull, Valdese.

On motion adjourned till next year. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Weathers.

J. E. WILSON, Moderator.
D. H. FULBRIGHT, Vice-Mod.
A. A. PARKER, Clerk.

TABLE 3--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Offices	Secretaries and Post Offices	Tot'l Enrolled	Officers-Teach.	Sunday School Expenses
Abee's Chapel	L. L. Havner, Connelly Springs	Sada Abee, Connelly Springs	5	44	$ 5.00
Bethany	C. A. Newton, Hildebran	Jas. Mosteller, Hildebran	6	88	20.00
Beulah	J. C. Mull, Henry	Zena Propst, Hildebran	8	44	12.25
Connelly Springs	J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs	A. S. Wilson, Rutherford College	7	87	45.00
Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, R. 1	P. A. Hoyle, Casar	5	40	2.50
Icard	E. L. Smith, Connelly Spgs. R. 2	W. B. Bollinger, Icard	7	78	19.89
Mull's Chapel	W. F. Mull, Henry	J. Rhoney, Henry	6	56	8.00
Mt. Vernon	J. F. Leatherman, Henry, R. 2	Miss Phoebe Hoyle, Henry R. 3	8	77	31.47
Mt. Zion	Claude Lindsey, Casar R. 1	Robert Fortenberry, Casar, R. 1	5	40	8.00
Olive Grove	W. M. Walker, Casar	Sidney Cook, Casar	8	54	10.10
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Chapman, Connelly Sps. R. 3	J. L. Denton, Connelly Spgs. R. 3	7	82	3.00
Pisgah	Zeno Parker, Casar	Vienie Parker, Casar	6	70	15.42
Shoup's Grove	D. H. Fulbright, Icard	Forest Stilwell, Icard	6	83	23.52
St. John	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Spgs. R. 3	Miss Lillie Huffman, Con. Sp. R. 3	5	81	12.00
St. Paul	C. C. Crotts, Belwood	Walter Crotts, Belwood	7	101	11.20
Walker's Chapel	S. J. Keller, Connelly Spgs. R. 3	J. W. Keller, Connelly Spgs. R. 3	5	61	3.48
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson	J. L. Hudson	8	117	13.81
Zion Hill	Berry Propst, Henry, Route 1	C. D. Mitchem, Lawndale, R. 4	7	58	5.00
Zoar	M. A. Stamey, Connelly Spgs. R. 1	Esther Propst, Connelly Spgs. R. 1	6	60	
			122	1321	$249.64

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Churches	Regular Treasurers and Post Offices	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Building and
Abee's Chapel	W. C. Abee, Connelly Springs	$	$ 50.00	$ 10
Bethany	D. H. Page, Hildebran	35.84		
Beulah	W. M. Johnson, Henry Route	50.00		8
Connelly Springs	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College	200.00	86.00	102
Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale	75.00		
Icard	J. F. Finger, Icard	175.00		31
Mull's Chapel	W. F. Mull, Henry			250
Mt. Zion	A. L. Devinney, Lawndale R. 1	100.00	26.00	
Mt. Vernon	R. L. Hoyle, Henry	200.00		
Olive Grove	Daniel Wortman, Casar	91.30	1.78	
Pisgah	A. A. Parker, Casar	90.00	2.00	2
Pleasant Grove	S. H. Carswell, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	69.99	43.00	
Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, Hickory R. 5	125.50	3.20	11
St. John	Z. M. Stamey, Connelly Sp'g's R. 1	100.00		
St. Paul	L. H. Bumgardner, Casar	108.50	18.61	
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson, Hickory	139.39	1.00	
Walker's Chapel	J. W. Keller, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	71.79		
Zion Hill	J. V. Proctor, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	123.15		
Zoar	Henry Taylor, Connelly Spg's R. 1	20.70		93
		$1776.19	$221.59	$308

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BERSHIP CHURCH PROPERTY

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	GAINS				LOSSES			TOTAL
Clerks and Post Offices	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths	Total Present Members
. Abee, Connelly Springs	1	2		6			1	73
. Page, Hildebran		2	1					63
I. Johnson, Henry	7							30
Wilson, Rutherford College	4	2		1	1			133
McNealy, Lawndale	2	2						45
Finger, Icard	13	7			8	2	1	69
. Mull, Henry	2						1	52
. Hoyle, Henry	1				6	11	2	86
. Devinney, Lawndale	7	8			3	1		102
d Wortman, Casar	4	3			1			70
. Parker, Casar	4				5			106
ord Carswell, Conn. Sp'g's R. 3	1	5			2		1	160
. Propsts, Hickory Rt. 5	1	5	1		5	1	2	98
. Stamey, Connelly Sp'g's R. 1	4	2			2		2	136
. Bumgardner, Casar	6				4	1	2	207
. Keller, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	1				1			92
. Hudson		1			1		1	98
y Taylor								18
Proctor, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	11	3		3	4		2	97
	69	42	2	10	43	16	15	1735

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Session

OF THE

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Icard Church

September 13th and 14th, 1923

Next Meeting Of Association Will Be Held With Corinth Church
September 18th and 19th, 1924

J. E. WILSON, Moderator J. R. Huffman, Vice-Mod.
A. A. PARKER, Clerk

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CONSTITUTION

1. This Asociation shall be called "The South Mountain Baptist Association."

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator. Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

6. No person shall be eligible to office in this Association who is not a member thereof.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be Ex-Officio Members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in September.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 13th annual session with the Icard Church, September 13th and 14th, 1923, 11 o'clock a. m. Song service by Prof. T. B. Jones. Prayer by Rev. H. B. Chronister.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. David Wesson. Text Job 2-2. Then recess until 1:00 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

Then the roll of churches was called, and the following delegates enrolled:

Abee's Chapel: L. Havener, John Abee, Sadie Abee and Gertie Lowman.

Bethany: D. H. Page, H. L. Burns, J. F. Abernethy and R. D. Mosteller.

Beulah: W. M. Johnson.

Connelly Springs: Rev. H. S. Benfield, J. E. Wilson, J. F. Cook, J. L. Smith, P. M. Deal and W. W. Berry.

Corinth: Jos. Newton, Calvin Newton, A. M. White and Grady McNeely.

Icard: J. B. Epps, J. F. Finger, John Brindle and A. L. Wilson.

Mull's Chapel: W. F. Mull, J.B. Rhoney and Mrs. Etta Mull.

Mt. Zion: J. R. Price, Nolin Newton, Anderson Canipe and A. L. Deviney.

Mt. Vernon: Rev. David Wesson.

Olive Grove: D. D. Cook, O. C. Cook, Sarah Wortman, Mae Self and W. S. Johnson.

Pleasant Grove: J. R. Chapman, S. S. Carswell, Max Hudson, Lottie Carswell and S. A. Carswell.

Pisgah: P. L. Buff, D. Buff, Minnie Mace, Lucille Canipe and Brady Parker.

Shoup's Grove: J. F. Stilwell, D. A. Powell and Hubert Britton.

St. John's: J. R. Huffman, Z. M. Stamey and H. Q. Vanhorn.

St. Paul: L. H. Bumgardner, Della Bumgardner, Edgar Pruett and C. C. Crotts.

Walker's Chapel: Mackie Huffman, Miles Huffman, B. Huffman and Calvin Cook.

Wilkie's Grove: A. A. Hudson, J. R. Britton, G. W. Hilderbrand and W. J. Burns.

Zoar: G. A. Hildebran and C. M. Stroup.

Zion Hill: Rev Amos Swink and Mrs. Amos Swink.

Then called for church to join the Association, and Bethany

presented a letter from the Catawba River Association and was received into full fellowship.

Then organized by electing J. E. Wilson Moderator, J. R. Huffman Vice-Moderator and A. A. Parker Clerk. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance: L. H. Bumgardner and A. L. Devinney.

Religious Exercise: Pastor and deacons of entertaining church.

To Recommend Executive Committee: J. F. Cook, G. W. Hilderbrand and David Wesson.

The following visitors were welcomed: Revs. W. R. Beach, W. R. Bradshaw, H. C. Whitener, H. B. Chlonister, M. I. Harris, and Mr. J. Charles Berry.

After song the following reports were read and discussed:

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder has been the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for nearly ninety years, and during this time it has sought to be true to its name.

It has fostered every movement that has meant the moral, educational and spiritual development of our people.

It is the medium of communication for our people and the means by which they obtain the information so much needed to make them most useful in the Master's service. The circulation is about 17,500, but for each Baptist family in our State to have the paper would make a circulation of between 75 and 100 thousand, making a showing of something like one family in five.

We are now putting on a special campaign for subscribers with the hope of adding at least five thousand new subscribers. Will every pastor and all others who are here join us in this effort?

W. R. BEACH.
P. M. DEAL.

Pending motion to adopt, the report was ably discussed by Rev. W. R. Beach, representative of the Biblical Recorder, then adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would offer the following report:

Temperance means the restraining immoderate indulgence in appetite.

But we want to emphasize the evils of strong drink as it does its detrimental work right here in our midst.

During the lapse of a few years many young men have been killed on account of liquor.

Great as are the evils of strong drink, we feel that the minds of our people should be called to the growing tendency of a great

many church people to disregard the Sabbath and seek after worldly pleasures.

Today we are facing a great epidemic: the evil of strong drink carrying hundreds and thousands to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. R. HUFFMAN.

Pending motion to adopt, was discussed by J. R. Huffman, A. A. Hudson and J. E. Wilson, and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is one of the most teaching agencies of the church. There are two objects for which we should strive: efficiency and enlargement of scholars. These objects are more successful through organized classes and efficient teachers. By this the work of the churches may be carried on successfully. The Kingdom of God magnified, and His name glorified. Therefore our desire is that the churches try to have sparkling Sunday Schools that will be as our Master said of the city on the hill.

Respectfully submitted,

BRADY PARKER.

Pending adoption, was discussed by Bradie Parker, H. C. Whitener and W. R. Rimmer; then adopted.

Then pastor of entertaining church announced that Rev. H. C. Whitener would preach at 8 o'clock p. m. On motion adjourned until Friday morning 9:30 a. m. Closing prayer by W. W. Rimmer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Mr .Jones.

Minutes of Thursday's proceedings read and approved.

Moderator recognized Revs. J. H. Boggs and Lee Jones; then appointed D. D. Cook, G. W. Hildebran and P. M. Deal a committee to name place of next meeting and preacher to preach introductory sermon.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

In 1885 the first child was received at the Thomasville Orphanage home. 2150 children have been enrolled since the beginning of the institution. 547 are being cared for this year. 227 children are being aided by the orphanage in their homes.

The Thomasville Orphanage is an institution for the education and training of the Baptist orphans of North Carolina.

The annual cost of supporting and educating each child is $238.20.

Hundreds of applications are being received each year, some months more than fifty; the most of them are turned away for

lack of room. Every Baptist in the State should hear the cry of the little ones and come to their support.

We, your committee, recommend that the pastors and churches of this Association endeavor to get each member to make a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage, equal to one day's wages or income. Also each Sunday School to give one Sunday's contribution each month.

Every Baptist family should take and read "Charity and Children" and thus keep informed as to the work and needs of the Orphanage.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father in this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. BENFIELD.

S. A. CAESWELL.

Discussed by Rev. H. S. Benfield, J. R. Huffman and W. R. Beach and adopted.

EDUCATION.

We are constantly reminded of the great gulf fixed between the educated and the uneducated. On every hand we see the narrow limits of the field of activity of the uneducated, while for the educated, the earth, seas, and skies are their fields. The difference in the service that each class can render must be determined by the limitations of their sphere of labor. It is admitted that knowledge is power, but in order for the world to derive the best results from its operations it must be controlled and guided in the proper directions. The safest guide to the intellectual power is Christianity. The church school alone is the only kind of school that has the right to teach religion, and ought to be well supported and patronized. The Baptists of North Carolina have three colleges, enrolling last year 1050 pupils, eighteen secondary schools, enrolling 3579 pupils and eleven independent and Home Mission Schools.

Perhaps there has never been a time in our history when moral and Christian training was more needed than at the present. Let us support and patronize our church schools.

J. E. WILSON.

Discussed by J. E. Wilson and W. R. Bradshaw and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Our Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830. A "Board of Directors" was appointed which corresponds to our present Mission Board, and thus at the very first meeting of the convention the great work of State Missions was begun.

The work of the State Mission Board is growing by leaps and bounds. There are more demands for assistance today than ever before and the resources are wholly inadequate to meet the needs pressing in upon it on every side. Ther are 175 missionaries on the board this year.

The Enlistment, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. departments are each doing a great and growing work. Our board is also doing a great work in aiding in the building of church houses in backward communities and educational centers.

The State of North Carolina has been making rapid growth and expansion in the last few years in education, agriculture, industrialism, hydro-electric development and in the building of good roads. What effect will all this have on our 1,900 country churches?

There are still some of our towns without Baptist preaching. There are 300 pastorless churches in the State. There are 1600 country churches with once a month reaching. At least 60 per cent of the Baptists of North Carolina have no part in the 75 Million Campaign.

We have 325,000 Baptists in the State, and at least one-half of them are unenlisted and undeveloped. Will the present effort and outlay enable us to keep pace in our mission work with the educational and material prosperity of the State? We must answer in the negative.

Jesus gave the great commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel, beginning and Jerusalem. North Carolina is our Jerusalem. "Ye are my witnesses," said Jesus. Let us witness for Him in North Carolina. The more we do for State Missions the more we will be able to do for Home and Foreign Missions.

H. S. BENFIELD.

Discussed by Revs. H. S. Benfield and W. R. Bradshaw and adopted.

Committee on Nominations for Executive Committee made the following nominations: David Wesson, L. H. Bumgardner, Franklin Mull, Mrs. J. F. Cook and Miss Sarah Wortman. On motion the above-named nominees were elected. Then recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional service led by Rev. J. H. Boggs.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In response to the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach My gospel to every living creature unto the uttermost parts of the world," the Baptists of the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion have sent out missionaries to China, Africa, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Roumania, Spain, Palestine, Siberia and Russia. In China we have 182 churches with 351 out stations. Baptisms last year 2,974; total membership, 29,580. In Africa 41 church and 38 out stations; baptisms 883; membership 8,257. Italy, 51 churches; 62 out stations; 158 baptisms and 2,240 members. Japan, 18 churches; 6 out stations; 123 baptisms and 3,255 members. Mexico, 54 churches; 108 out stations; 572 baptisms and 3,559 members. Brazil, 288 churches; 600 out stations; 3,062 baptisms and 23,807 members. Argentina, 36 churches; 19 out stations; 295 baptisms and 1,903 members. Chile, 28 churches; 40 out stations; 197 baptisms and 1,85 members. Jugo-Slavia, 4 churches; 64 out stations; 49 baptisms and 709 members. Roumania, 115 churches; 1,023 out stations; 3,007 baptisms and 20,959 members. Hungary, 57 churches, 412 out stations; 1,015 baptisms and 9,200 members. Spain, 22 churches; 200 out stations; 100 baptisms and 667 members. Palestine, 1 church; 4 out stations; no baptisms and 12 members. Siberia, 226 baptisms.

Total, 891 churches; 289 out stations; 12,611 baptisms and 103,328 members. Of the 891 churches 211 are self supporting; 680 not self supporting. We have schools of all grades to the number of 796 with pupils enrolled to the number of 32,780.

Comprising a total membership of 3,320,383 contributed the sum of $1,804,411.90. A per capita of 56 cents. North Carolina, with a membership of 316,138, contributed of the above $157,388 a per capita contribution of 49 cents. Do you believe in Foreign Missions? Do you perceive of a surety that God does intend salvation for the Gentiles and that they will not repent unless they hear the gospel, and they can not hear without a preacher, and he can not go unless he be sent, and that you are included in the great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel."

J. E. WILSON.

Discussed by J. E. Wilson and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that city eighteen years ago, the board's receipts for the year were $169,988.92. This year they were $1,002,193.07.

Then the board reported 10,551 baptisms, this year 38,770. Then there were 20,570 additions to the churches, this year 59,597. In 1905 the board had no special department of Evangelism. Shortly after that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptised, 208,643 additions to

the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite mission work.

All the other departments of the board's work have advanced in a similar way. Surely we have reason for abundant Thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board. J. E. WILSON.

Pending the motion to adopt, Home Missions was discussed by a B. Y. P. U. program rendered by the B. Y. P. U. of Connelly Springs. Then adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

We should have a B. Y. P. U. in every church in this Association. It has been said, "Train a child up in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it." This organization will get the minds of boys and girls on things Divine. It will train them in church doctrine and enable them to perform the many duties pertaining to church work. It will impress them with the obligations of church membership, and enlist them in Kingdom work.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. PARKER.

Read by Brady Parker and demonstrated by the B. Y. P. U. of Connelly Springs. Then adopted. On motion, the Association tendered a vote of thanks to the young people of Connelly Springs for their splendid rendition.

Committee on place of next meeting recommended Corinth Church, two miles south-west of Casar, as the place of next meeting, and Rev. H. S. Benfield to preach the sermon. Time: September 18th and 19th, 1924.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Reported $31.95 collected on Minute Fund.
Chair appointed the following to write reports for next year:
Foreign Missions: L. H. Bumgardner.
Home Missions: P. M. Deal.
State Missions: Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.
Orphanage: Rev. H. B. Chronister.
Education: Rev. H. S. Benfield.
Temperance: David Wesson.
Sunday School: J. R. Huffman.
Biblical Recorder: J. E. Wilson.
B. Y. P. U.: Mary Jordan.
W. M. S.: Mrs. J. F. Cook.

On motion of J. R. Huffman, the executive committee was em-

powered to make program for next year. Chair appointed Rev. David Wesson and A. A. Parker delegates to the Baptist State Convention, and Rev. H. S. Benfield delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved: That the delegates and visitors tender their heartiest thanks to the church and citizens of Icard for their generous hospitality. W. R. BRADSHAW.

On motion, adjourned to meet September 18th and 19th, 1924, with the Corinth Church. Benediction by Rev. H. S. Benfield.

J. E. WILSON, Moderator
J. R. HUFFMAN, Vice Moderator.
A. A. PARKER, Clerk.

TABLE 1---STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS				LOSSES			Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	
Abee's Chapel	H. B. Chronister, Maiden	L. Heavener, Connelly Sp'g's R. 1	2nd	$ 1200.00						1		65
Bethany	W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory	D. H. Page, Hildebran	3rd	500.00	5	3					2	77
Beulah	W. M. Gold, Ellenboro	W. M. Johnson, Henry R. 1	3rd	800.00								31
Connelly Springs	H. S. Benfield, Rutherford College	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College	1-3	1500.00	4	14		1	1	1		150
Corinth	J. F. Weathers Casar	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale R. 1	2nd	500.00	16	7		3				73
Icard	H. B. Chronister, Maiden	J. F. Enger, Icard	1-2	1400.00	2	2			9			59
Mull's Chapel	Paul Drum, Newton	W. F. Mull, Henry, R.	4th	500.00	5						1	64
Mt. Vernon	.....	.....										86
Mt. Zion	J. F. Weathers, Casar	A. L. Devinney, Lawndale R. 1	2nd	600.00	5	5						112
Olive Grove	J. F. Weathers, Casar	David Wortman, Casar			5	1	1	1	1	1		95
Pleasant Grove	David Wesson, Henry R. 1	S. A. Carswell, Connelly Sp'g's R. 1	2nd	1000.00	6				2	2	4	116
Pisgah	David Wesson, Henry R. 1	A. A. Parker, Casar	3rd	1000.00	6	3			3			107
Shoup's Grove	D. L. Daught, Henry R. 3	D. D. Propst, Hickory R. 4	2nd	1200.00	10	1	3	2			4	113
St. John	W. M. Gold, Ellenboro	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	3rd	3500.00	10	2			3		2	142
St. Paul	David Wesson, Henry R. 1	L. H. Bumgardner, Casar	1st	800.00	23	4		2	6	1		229
Walker's Chapel	Amos Swink, Connelly Spgs. R. 3	J. W. Keller, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	3rd	1000.00	2				1		1	97
Wilkie's Grove	David Wesson, Henry R. 1	A. A. Hudson, Henry R. 2	4th	1500.00	4				1		1	98
Zion Hill	J. F. Weathers, Casar	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	1st	1000.00	3				1		2	97
Zoar	H. B. Chronister, Maiden	Luther Stroup, Connelly Springs	1st	1000.00	1	1	1	3				24
				$19000.00	100	43	5	12	29	5	17	1835

TABLE 2---FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	LOCAL									DENOMINATIONAL				
	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S.S. and B.Y.P.U. Expenses	Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects	HOME TOTAL	75 Million (Undesignated)	Orphanage	DENOMINATIONAL TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
Bethany	$ 100.00	$ 10.00		$ 75.00		$ 2.10	$ 6.00	$ 2.00		$ 195.10	$ 5.75	$ 8.75	$ 14.50	$ 209.60
Abee's Chapel	96.00		39.56	15.50	5.00	31.00		3.00		174.56	15.00	16.98	31.98	06.54
Beulah	50.00					6.90		1.00		57.90	3.00	2.00	5.00	62.90
Connelly Springs	525.00		57.00		33.00	63.00		5.00	42.00	725.00	200.00	50.00	250.00	975.00
Corinth	75.00					3.00			65.00	143.00				143.00
Icard	250.00	12.00		160.00		25.00	20.00	3.00	52.35	532.35	15.50	28.00	43.50	575.85
Mull's Chapel	60.00		35.00			12.00		1.50		106.36		20.00		128.36
Mt. Vernon													20.00	
Mt. Zion	150.00		32.86			5.00	4.50	3.00		182.75	25.00	26.00	51.00	233.75
Olive Grove	96.16		20.25		3.68	7.86	4.00	2.50		114.14	3.75		3.75	117.89
Pleasant Grove	120.00			10.00	2.00		22.10	2.25		156.35	28.00	10.00	38.00	194.35
Pisgah	112.62			5.00		8.00		3.00	10.00	138.62	7.50		7.50	143.22
Shoup's Grove	140.40			17.52	1.73	29.00	1.30	5.00		256.93	35.00	34.25	69.25	326.18
St. John	125.00		62.00			14.00	3.00			206.82	31.00		31.00	237.82
St. Paul	108.00		64.82	75.00		7.42		1.45		222.92	7.55		7.55	230.47
Walker's Chapel	81.38	29.50	31.05			3.60	8.95	2.00		123.34				123.43
Wilkie's Grove	135.70	87.43		1000.00		51.81		5.00	30.91	126.85	19.00	18.50	37.50	164 35
Zion Hill	130.00					5.04		2.60		137.64	3.50	3.50	7.00	144.64
Zoar	75.00			75.00		12.00				162.00	13.00		13.00	175.00
	$2380.26	$138.93	$342.54	$1534.02	$43.41	$286.73	$69.85	$39 30	$200.26	$4905.53	$412.55	$217.98	$630.53	$5536.17

TABLE 3---SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendent and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	Officers and Teachers	TOTAL	Contributions for Home Expense	Contributions for Orphanage, Missions, etc.	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
Abee's Chapel	L. Heavener, Connelly Springs	Sadie Abee, Connelly Springs	4	55	$ 2.10		
Bethany	C. A. Newton, Hildebran	James Mosteller, Hildebran	10	70	31.00	16.98	
Beulah	Pinkney Tallent, Henry R. 1	Lillie Grigg, Henry R. 1	4	30	6.90		
Connelly Springs	J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs	A. S. Wilson, Rutherford College	8	82	63.00		
Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale R. 1	P. G. Hoyle, Casar R. 1	5	69	3.00		
Icard	J. B. Epps, Icard	W. B. Bollinger, Icard	7	65	52 35	10.00	
Mull's Chapel	H. D. Rhoney, Henry R. 2	Hattie Reynolds, Henry R. 2	6	60	12.00		
Mt. Vernon	.....	.....					
Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsey, Casar R. 1	R. C. Fortenberry, Casar R. 1	6	35	5.00		
Olive Grove	D. Spake, Connelly Springs R. 4	O. C. Cook, Casar R. 1	6	49	7.86		
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Chapman, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	J. L. Denton, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	7	40			
Pisgah	N. H. Parker, Casar	Annie Kanipe, Casar	5	45	8.00		
Shoup's Grove	O. M. Berry, Connelly Springs R.	Lola Stilwell, Connelly Springs	7	114	20.72		
St. John	J. R. Huffman, Connel'y Sp'g's R. 3	Lillie Huffman, Connelly Sp. R. 3	5	96	14.00		
St. Paul	R. A. Newton, Bellwood	Walter Crotts, Bellwood	7	86	7.42		
Walker's Chapel	S. J. Walker, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	S. J. Keller, Connelly Sp'g's R. 3	4	86	3.60		
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson, Henry R. 2	Lillie Hudson, Henry R. 2	9	109	30.91		
Zion Hill	J. Z. Mitchell, Lawndale	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs	5	65	5.04		
Zoar	C. M. Stroup, Connelly Springs	Esther Stroup, Connelly Springs	4	25	12 00		
			109	1269	$284.90	$26.98	$311.88

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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall b ecalled "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.
3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.
4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.
5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations
6. No person shall be eligible to office in this Association who is not a member thereof.
7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.
8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be Ex-Officio Members.
9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblcal Recorder, Temperance, Baptst Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.
10. The Association shall elect annua ly seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be ex-officio chairman and the Clark shall be ex-officio clerk.
11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.
12. This Association shall mete annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in September.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

H. B. Chronister, Icard.
J. H. Cook, Casar.
Amos Swink, Connelly Springs, R. 3.
Brady Parker, Casar.
David Wesson, Vale.
H. S. Benfield, Rutherford College.
H. S. Smith, Connelly Springs.
W. B. Mull, Valdese.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 14th annual Session with the Corinth Baptist Church, at eleven o'clock Thursday, a. m., Nov. 13th, 1924. Introductory sermon was preached by H. B. Chronister. Then adjourned until 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. H. Boggs. Prayer by C. M. Robierson; then the roll of churches was called, and the following delgeates enrolled: Abee's Chapel, W. C. Abee, John Abee, Austin Stamey.

Bethany—D. H. Page, J. H. Evins, James Abernathy.

Bulah—A. J. Yancy, Mrs. A. J. Yancy, Austin Rhoney, Miss Bessie Rhoney.

Connelly Springs—Mrs. J. F. Cook, Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Corinth—Joshua Newton, Alonzo Smith, E. C. Hull.

Icard—P. A. Berry, Mrs. P. A. Berry, Mrs. H. B. Chronister.

Mulls Chapel—W. F. Mull, A. C. Peelar, Edie Rhoney.

Mt. Vernon—R. L. Hoyle, P. M. Leatherman, F. J. Leatherman, L. H. Blanton.

Mt. Zion—James Richard, Geo. Davis, Jessie Lookadoo, Z. T. Wall.

Olive Grove—Absent.

Pleasant Grove—J. R. Chapman, W. A. Denton, Lincoln Denton, J. L. Denton, J. R. Carswell.

Pisgah—P. L. Buff, Zero Parker, Joseph Costner, and N. H. Parker.

Shoups Grove—D. A. Powell, D. D. Propst, Andrew Berry, and J. T. Berry.

St. John—J. R. Huffman, Gus Hoyle, W. M. Reynolds, Z. M. Stamey, and Geo. Vanhorn.

St. Paul—C. C. Crotts, John Newton.

Walkers Chapel—J. M. Huffman.

Wilkies Grove—Absent.

Zion Hill—M. C. Buff, W. E. Ledford, Amos Pruett, J. W. McKenney, and A. L. Buff.

Zoar—H. C. Taylor, C. M. Stamey, and D. A. Houser.

Then went into election of officers which resulted as follows, viz: Moderator, J. R. Huffman; Vice-Moderator, B. H. Parker; and A. A. Parker, Clerk.

Moved and passed to have letters read from every church.

Appointed as tellers, W. F. Mull, and J. H. Boggs.

The Moderator appointed the following committee:

Finance—Amos Swink and P. A. Hoyle.

Committee on Nomination of Members to Executive Board—W. C. Abee, P. M. Leatherman, and O. O. Berry.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Deacons and pastor of entertaining church.

Committee on Place—J. G. McNielly, R. L. Hoyle, and N. H. Parker.

The following Brethren were recognized: Rev. J. H. Boggs, Rep. State Mission; Rev. C. A. Abernathy, of South Fork Associa-

tion; Rev. J. E. Boss, C. M. Robierson, Rev. L. C. Daughit, Evangelists; Rev. J. W. Davis, Rev. B. H. Loughridge.

HOME MISSION

All Missions is the same in spirit. Especially is this true of Home Missions. Every place of Missionary Work is touched thru Home Mission. Its field of operations is the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention. Therefore, every state received the benefit of its accomplishments, within its borders.

At every post we have missionaries waiting for the arrival of the foreign people who come to our shores; thereby accomplishing much of foreign Mission Work here at home. Then for us to neglect, or minimize the importance of Home Mission is to cripple all our Missionary Enterprises and impede the progress of Kingdom Work.

Let us note some facts which will give an idea of the progress of this work during the 75 Million Campaign:

First—The employment each year of an average of 1,170 workers.

Second—The Baptism by these workers of 203, 532 persons.

Third—Bringing into the churches of 324,086 new members.

Fourth—Enlistment of 15,049 young people for definite Christian service.

Fifth—Organizing of 10,095 new churches.

Sixth—Organizing of 3,383 new Sunday Schools.

Seventh—Building and repair of 2,225 houses of worship.

Eighth—Operation and improvement of 30 mountain schools with an enrollment of 6,000 students.

Ninth—Completing of $1,000,000.00 church Building and Loan Fund and aiding hundreds of churches in erecting houses of worship.

Tenth—Strengthening greatly the work in Panama and Cuba.

Eleventh—Erecting of modern Tuberculosis Sanitorium at El Paso, Texas.

Twelfth—Establishment of Seamen's Institution at Jacksonville, Fla., and Special Mission to the Jews.

From the above facts we see that there are several departments of the board's work: Evangelism, Church Extension Enlistment, Educational, etc.

In the face of these facts which show the great accomplishments of this Board and the blessings of Almighty God. Upon their efforts what Baptist is then in all our territory who would withhold whatever he may be able to contribute, to perpetual and enlarge the work represented by the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention?

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. ROBINSON.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by C. M. Robinson and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The problem of evangelizing the world and carrying the Gospel to every creature, as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ, is one

of the big issues confronting the Church today. Jesus said to His disciples go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and yet after almost two thousand years of church activities, according to our best information, there are more heathen in the world today than there was the day that the command was given.

It has only been a short time since Christianity made a million converts within a certain period of time on the foreign field, whlle the heathen increased two million during the same period. This shows that we are falling far behind our Christian obligation. Missions is no expression of charity but is a God-given duty.

The disciples of Jesus certainly went the limit in fulfilling the command of their Lord, for every one of them died upon the Christian battle field with the exception of the Apostle John. He was the only one among the twelve who died a natural death. The others were all put to death for the sake of their Christian faith. Since their time hundreds and thousands of noble Christian men and women have willingly laid down their lives on the foreign field for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet in spite of the sacrificing spirit of thousands of lives we are confronted with an excuseles failure in our obligation towards millions of our fellow creatures who have just as much right to hear the Gospel as we have.

This failure must be overcome in the near future, or else the Church of this generation will have a most shameful record to be confronted with in the day of final reckoning.

We are now living in the greatest day of opportunitties of any time during the Christian age, for history records no time when people at large had such resources at their command as they have today, and as God requires much of the people to whom He has given much, our responsibility is greater than any people who have lived before us.

Conditions are now ripe for the Gospel in all parts of the heathen world. Calls are coming from every heathen country come over and help us. Oh! for thousands of Christian lives with the spirit and zeal of the Apostle Paul, who, after hearing the Macedonian cry for assistance, never rested until he had planted the Gospel in their midst.

We are glad to know that there are now multiplied thousands of noble Christian men and women in our great Baptist Brotherhood who are gladly spending and being spent in the Master's service, but in spite of their consecrated self-denying spirit, they will be greatly handicapped and their work will be impeded unless they have the hearty co-operation of their brethren at large, for how shall they preach except they be sent?

Our work on the foreign field is now greatly embarrassed and hindered because of a lack of funds, for which we can offer no reasonable excuse when we take into consideration the vast sums of money spent for other things many of which we would be better off without.

The women of this country spend $750,000,000 annually in disguising their faces; $80,000,000 goes up in cigarette smoke; while $510,000,000 is burned up in the form of cigars. There are over 3,000,000 cigarette fiends in this country including thousands of fool women. If all the cigarettes smoked in this country were laid end to end they would stretch 3,606,411,000 miles or 125 times around the world. Tobacco and snuff cost us $800,000,000. We spend

over $200,000,000 for dogs. Around a billion goes for candy. Jewelry costs us $500,000,000. Tea and coffee costs us $100,000,000. Soft drinks costs us $350,000,000. Chewing gum costs us $3,000,000,000. We spend at least $200,000,000 going to the moving picture at 25 cents per ticket. Strong drink costs us not less than $3,000,000,000. Luxurious services costs us $3,000,000,0oo. Luxurious food costs us $5,000,000,000. Sunday baseball costs from $15,000,000 to $20,000,000. The grand total when added up amounts to $22,700,000,000 handed out for ohter than the necessitties of life.

If the Sunday pleasure rides in automobiles were left off for six months, we would save in incidentals more than all the churches of America will give to the cause of foreign missions in two years.

In the face of such figures we can offer no excuse within the bounds of reason for our failure to send the Gospel to every creature, when we consider the fact that Christians give annually not more than sixteen cents a piece to the cause of foreign missions.

And anti-mission spirit is an anti-Christian spirit, for the Christ spirit is a soul living spirit, and is just as anxious to see souls saved in the foreign field as in the home land. The man who contributes the least to foreign missions is the man who contributes least to home missions, and the man who complains most about giving is the man who gives the least.

We ought to hide our faces in shame if we fail to pay every dollar which we pledged to the $75,000,000 Campaign. If we would contribute as God has designated in his Word, the Seventy-five Million Campaign would not be a drop in the bucket. No system of giving will ever solve our financial problems except the tithing system, and as God requires us to meet every financial problem, we cannot fulfill our financial obligations until we contribute the tenth.

Let us all resolve to fulfill every Christian obligation by adhering to God's designated plan, and thereby deliver ourselves from all moral responsibility to our fellow man who has been less fortunate than ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,
L. C. DOUTHIT.

ORPHANAGE

On motion to adopt report was discussed by L. C. Daughit and adopted.

Association adjourned until 7:30 p. m., then preaching by C. M. Robinson.

The first child was received at the Thomasville Home November, 1885, from this time to the present 2,150 have been enrolled.

For 39 years this work has been growing; we now have 557 children at Thomasville and the Keennedy Home.

The current funds to maintain the Orphanage is about $175,000 per year.

The main source of supply is the once a month collection from the Sunday Schools and the Thanksgiving Offerings.

The Orphanage is a living dependent of our work that keeps us in touch with the needs of our dependent children.

We recommend that every Sunday School give one Sundays

offering each month to Orphanage, and every church make a special Thanksgiving Offering.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. CHRONISTER.

On motion to adopt the report was discussed by H. B. Chronister and J. W. Davis, and adopted.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises by Rev. Amos Swink.
Song—Revive us Again.
Prayer by J. W. Davis.
Bro. W. R. Bradshaw and Mrs. Cook were recognized.

STATE MISSION

Report was not sent in.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There are now in North Carolina 2,263 churches with a membership of 337,258. There are 2,159 Sunday Schools with a membership of 274,524. Some of these are branch or mission schools. There are possibly 125 churches having no Sunday Schools. Some of theese churches are dead, but 75 to 100 of them ought to have schools. For four years there has been a fine, steady growth in membership of 60,769. This is a larger gain than during the preceding ten years.

During these four years there has been a real Sunday School revival in the Southern Baptist Convention. Every line of Sunday School work has taken on new life, and the outlook was never more hopeful. The southwide improvement in buildings, organization, teacher training and organized class work is great.

From the rural survey being issued by the Sunday School Board I give some facts: There are 1,998 churches in the open country and in villages with a population less than 1,000. There are 1,873 Sunday Schools in these churches, but 343 close for the winter. The enrollment of these Sunday Schools fell short of their church membership by 59,332. There are 155,686 church members in these country churches not in Sunday School. Only 869 of the 1,873 schools claim to be graded, with 1,004 wholly ungraded. In buildings 433 have some class rooms, 423 use curtains, and 1,017 meet in one room.

Teacher Training is our largest and hardest task. We must go at this task courageously and earnestly. Fine progress is being made. To date in North Carolina we have 11,298 normal Diplomas. There were issued last year 5,800 awards in our state and over 65,000 in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. The times urge us to this task. Every Sunday School can and ought to put in training every officer and teacher and many prospective workers. and strive to make our church membership one hundred per cent

Sunday School going people thereby getting in a better position to win souls for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. R. HUFFMAN.

Pending motion to adopt, discussed by J. R. Huffman, C. M. Robinson and J. H. Boggs, then adopted.

EDUCATION

Today there is a great deal of emphasis being put on education because everyone will admit that knowledge is power, and we feel the need of that power as never before. There was a time when the one horse plow was sufficient; but today we must have a tractor. There was a time when the horse and buggy was fast enough; but this is the day of automobiles and aeroplanes. As we reach out after this power we should however be much concerned about what kind of education is provided, for our people. We should reap in the future what we put into our schools of today. Much care should be taken in the selection of both teachers and textile books. Especially in our denominational schools.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. LAUGHRIDGE.

On motion to adopt, report was discussed by C. M. Robinson then adopted.

Dismissed one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services by W. R. Bradshaw, report of committee on place.

We your committee on place of next meeting recommend Mt. Vernon as the place for next meeting. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. J. W. Davis, alternate.

Chairman appoints committee on order of business, H. B. Chronister, J. E. Wilson and A. A. Parker.

Report on W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Society a great organization. The time has come when every church needs a real live W. M. Society. The W. M. U. is doing a great work. The total amount for N. C. paid by the women alone 1924 is $275,278.49. Does not this prove enough that women have a part in the Master's work? Let us look to the fields that are white unto the harvest.

MRS. J. F. COOK.

Discussed by H. B. Chronister and J. H. Boggs.

Resolve that the South Mountain Association sets as its goal the sum of $800.00 to be raised for missions in the year 1925, adopted.

We your committee to nominate members for the executive board recommend J. E. Deal, W. F. Mull, R. L. Hoyle, J. R. Chapman and W. C. Stroup.

Committee on finance report $43.00 collection for printing. Amos Swink and P. A. Hoyle.

The moderator appoints the following to write reports for next year: Foreign Mission, H. B. Chronister; Orphanage, C. A. Aber-

nathy; Temperance, Brady Parker; Home Mission, L. H. Bumgardner; Sunday School, S. A. Carswell; State Mission, David Wesson, Education, J. E. Wilson; Periodicals, G. W. Heldibrand; W. M. S., Mrs. H. B. Chronister; B. Y. P. U., Sara Wortman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The Biblical Recorder should have first place of all papers in our home. It should be next to our Bible. It deals with the things taught in the Bible. Reading the Recorder is an opportunity we have of grasping a mission that God is revealing to his people. Christian men are at the head of the Recorder, and we learn practically all our great Baptist forces are doing. We need the Recorder in our homes for our children. It is educational for them if they read it. Every Baptist woman should read the Biblical Recorder for women have a place in the Master's work.

The Recorder has a place on its pages of the work women are doing in our state. Charity and Children ought to have a place in our homes, too. We learn by reading these Christian papers how to do lots of things they are teaching in many respects. It is easy to do things if we know how, so let us read our Christian papers and get what God is revealing to his preachers and teachers. We shall be more able to preach and teach in the community in which we live.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. ABERNATHY.

On motion to adopt, discussed by A. C. Abernathy.

INTEMPERANCE

Intemperance is dangerous. It does not come at once with its burning streams to consume the heart of its victims; but slowly drags itself along taking one fastness after another until the dram drinker has developed into the reeling, bloated, and disregarded drunkard, step by step it throws its fatal spell around its victim until the last ray of hope that lighted his pathway has disappeared amidst the darkness of perpetual night. In total bstinence alone is there any safety. "Touch not, Taste not, Handle not, the accused thing for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

As for social evils, we would especially put the seal of our disapproval upon dancing and card playing in Christian households and moving picture gods as being inconsistent with the Christian profession and destructive of Christian influence. Our Lord commands us to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our father who is in heaven, and certainly it cannot shine brightly around a card table or in a moving picture show or a ball room.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. DAVIS.

Discussed by J. W. Davis, H. B. Chronister, C. A. Abernathy and A. J. Wacaster, then adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

We would like to see a B. Y. P. U. in every church. It is a training force for our young people. The B. Y. P. U. is a great inspiration to read the Bible, and equip the young people for better service in the Lord's work.

H. B. CHRONISTER.

Discussed by the same.

Resolve: That we the delegates and visiting brethren of this Association express to Corinth Church and the community our heart-felt thanks for their hospitality during this session.

Respectfully submitted,

BRADY PARKER.

This Association adjourned until the 17th and 18th of September, 1925. To meet with Mt. Vernon Church.

Moderator, J. R. Hoffman.
Vice-Moderator, B. H. Parker.
Clerk, A. A. Parker.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Time of Preachin	Value of Church Property	GAINS				LOSSES			Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	
Abees Chapel	H. B. Chronister, Icard	L. Houser, Connelly Springs	2nd	$ 1,200.00	3				1		2	69
Bethany	W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory	D. H. Page, Hildebran	3rd	500.00	1	1			1		1	75
Beulah	C. A. Abernathy, Lincoln	Austin Rhoney, Vale, R. 3	4th	800.00	5		1	1			1	34
Connelly Springs	H. B. Chronister, Icard	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College	3rd	1,500.00	4	3		1	16		2	133
Corinth	J. W. Davis, Shelby	J. G. McNeilly, Lawndale, R. 1	3rd	500.00	5	2					1	81
Icard	H. B. Chronister, Icard	J. F. Finger, Icard	2nd	1,400.00	3	3	1		2		1	62
Mulls Chapel	C. A. Abernathy, Lincoln	W. F. Mull, Vale, R. 3	4th	500.00	6	1			1			70
Mt. Vernon	L. C. Doughit, Cherryville	J. C. Houser, Vale	4th	3,000.00	5						2	85
Mt. Zion	J. W. Davis, Shelby	R .C. Fortenberry, Casar, R. 1	2nd	600.00	3				3			112
Olive Grove	J. W. Davis, Shelby	O. C. Cook	4th									
Pisgah	B. H. Parker, Casar	A. A. Parker, Casar, R. 1	2nd	1,000.00	3	1						111
Pleasant Grove	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	S. A. Carswell, Connelly Spgs. R. 3	2nd	1,000.00	3	1				2	1	117
Shoups Grove	B. H. Parker, Casar	D. H. Page, Hickory	2nd	1,200.00	4			1	9		1	106
St. John	C. A. Abernathy, Lincoln	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Spgs. R. 3	2nd	3,500.00	10			1	1	2	4	146
St. Paul	L. C. Doughit, Cherryville	L. H. Bumgardner, Casar	1st	800.00	20	3		3	3			251
Walkers Chapel	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	J. W. Keller, Connelly Springs, R. 3	3rd	1,000.00	5							96
Wilkies Grove	David Wesson, Vale	A. A. Hudson, Vale	4th	1,500.00	17	1					2	108
Zion Hill	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	W. M. Hudson, Connelly Spgs. R. 3	1st	1,000.00	8	5			4	2		108
Zoar	H. B. Chronister, Icard	Everett Hildebran, Con. Spgs., R. 3	1st	1,000.00	13		3			3		44
				$22,000.00	118	20	5	7	41	9	18	1808

TABLE 2—FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Expense	Local Poor	Minute Funds, Etc.	Home Total	75 Million Undesignated	Orphanage	Denominational Total	Grand Total
Abees Chapel	$ 100.00	$	$ 38.00	$	$	$ 5.67	$11.25	$ 2.00	$ 156.92	$ 15.75	$	$ 15.75	$ 172.67
Bethany	96.00		32.00			21.70	10.00	3.00	162.70	52.50	22.05	74.55	237.25
Bulah	60.00					5.00			65.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	70.00
Connelly Springs	300.00		40.50	10.00	13.00	50.00	5.00	4.00	422.50	223.50	54.00	277.50	700.00
Corinth	126.00					12.00		2.50	140.50				140.50
Icard	236.00	18.00	40.00		12.00	25.00	10.00	3.00	344.00	49.00	45.00	94.00	438.00
Mulls Chapel	100.30	20.00				15.00		2.55	137.85				137.85
Mt. Vernon	400.00		35.51	2,700.00		15.07		3.35	3,160.93	64.55		64.55	3,225.48
Mt. Zion	150.00					5.00		1.90	156.90				156.90
Olive Grove													
Pisgah	117.68					6.00		3.00	126.68	10.00	3.00	13.00	139.68
Pleasant Grove	110.74	10.00				10.00		2.25	132.99	36.90		36.90	169.89
Shoupes Grove	100.00	30.00				32.94	6.40	5.00	174.34		61.00	61.00	235.34
St. John	125.00		42.00		4.00	8.65		2.50	182.15	50.60		50.60	232.75
St. Paul	300.00					12.00	12.00	2.25	326.25				326.25
Walkers Chapel	108.49				30.00			1.00	139.49				139.49
Wilkies Grove	300.16					22.12		2.00	324.28	20.00	5.00	25.00	349.28
Zion Hill	122.50			18.00		7.80		2.70	151.00	4.25	4.25	8.50	159.50
Zoar	75.00		20.30	112.90		14.50		1.00	223.70	10.00	7.85	17.85	241.55
	$2,927.87	$78.00	$248.31	$2,840.90	$59.00	$266.45	$54.65	$44.00	$6,529.18	$540.05	$204.15	$744.20	$7,272.74

TABLE 3—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY AND POSTOFFICE	Officers, Teachers	Totals	Contributions for Home Expense	Contributions for Orphanage, Etc. Missions and
Abees Chapel	Sodo Abee, Connelly Springs	John Abee, Connelly Springs	7	41	$ 5.67	$
Bethany	J. C. Abernathy, Hickory, R. 5	Mrs. Annes Cook, Hildebran	6	74	21.70	18.00
Beulah	Pink Talent, Vale, R. 3	D. C. Hoyle, Vale, R. 5	4	27	5.00	
Connelly Springs	J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs	A. S. Wilson, Rutherford College		90	50.00	
Corinth	A. M. White, Casar, R. 1	P. A. Hoyle, Casar, R. 1	6	97	12.00	
Icard	J. B. Epps, Icard	W. B. Ballinger, Icard	6	71	25.00	
Mulls Chapel	H. Rhoney, Vale	Miss Hattie Reynolds, Vale	6	60	15.00	
Mt. Vernon	P. A. Carpenter, Laundale	R. L. Hoyle, Vale	8	66	15.07	
Mt. Zion	R. C. Fortenberry, Casar, R. 1	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, R. 1	4	30	3.00	
Olive Grove						
Pisgah	Zeno Parker, Casar	B. A. Parker	6		6.00	
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Chapman, Connelly Spg., R 3	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs R. 3	7	76	10.00	
Shoups Grove	D. D. Propst, Hickory, R. 4	Lonie Smith, Connelly Springs, R. 1	7	82	32.94	
St. John	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Spg., R. 3	Miss Lillie Huffman, Con. Spgs. R 1	6	76	8.65	
St. Poul	C. C. Catts, Belwood, R. 1	Gozzie Buff, Belwood, R. 1	9	89	12.00	
Walkers Chapel	S. J. Keller, Connelly Springs, R. 3		5	45		
Wilkies Grove	A. A. Hudson	G. W. Hildebrand, Hickory, R. 1	8	96	22.12	
Zion Hill	A. Swink, Connelly Springs, R. 3	C. D. Mitchem, Lawndale	5	76	7.80	
Zoar	D. A. Houser, Connelly Springs	Helen Stroup, Connelly Springs	5	65	14.50	
			105	1161	$266.45	$18.00

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PROGRAM FOR 1926 AND NAMES OF REPORT WRITERS

10:00 A. M.—Organization and enrollment of Delegates.

11:15 A. M.—Annual Sermon ---- --- ------- W. R. Bradshaw

12.00 Noon—Miscellaneous

12:15 P. M.—Noon

1:30 P. M.—Christian Education --------- ---- H. B. Chronister

2:30 P. M.—Periodicals or Biblical Recorder ---- ---J. W. Davis

3:00 P. M.—Temperance ---- ---------- P. M. Deal

3:45 P. M.—Miscellaneous.

Friday

9:00 A. M.—Devotional

9:30 A. M.—Foreign Missions -- ---- ------ C. A. Abernethy

10:30 A. M.—Home Missions ---------- B. H. Parker

11:30 A. M.—State Missions ---- ------ -- G. W. Hildebrand

12:30 P. M.—Noon

2:00 P. M.—W. M. U. ---------- Mrs. J. F. Cook

2:45 P. M.—B. Y. P. U. ---- ---- ------- Miss Annie Canipe

3:30 P M.—Miscellaneous

Probably Saturday

9:30 A. M.—Devotional

10:00 A. M.—Orphanage ---------- S. A. Carswell

10:45 A. M.—Sunday School ---------- L. H. Bumgardner

11:30 A. M.—Obituaries ---------- Amos Swink

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Baptist Association."

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective Church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

6. No person shall be eligible to office in this Association who is not a member thereof.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be Ex-Officio members.

9. The Committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special Committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.

11. This Constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in September.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

H. B. Chronister, Icard.
J. H. Cook, Casar.
Amos Swink, Connelly Springs, R 3.
Brady Parker, Casar.
David Wesson, Vale.
W. B. Mull, Valdese.
A. J. Wacaster.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Franklin Mull.
L. H. Bumgardner.
P. M. Leatherman.
W. H. Burns.
Mrs. H. B. Chronister.

PROCEEDING

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its fifteenth annual session with the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church at ten o'clock A. M., Thursday, September 17th, 1925. Song service conducted by P. M. Deal. Prayer by J. H. Boggs; then the roll of churches was called, and the following delegates enrolled:

Abee's Chapel—John Abee, Miss Sadie Abee, W. C. Abee, and L. L. Lowman.

Bethany—S. H. Evans, D. H. Page, and Frank Cline.

Connelly Springs—J. F. Cook, J. L. Smith, J. E. Deal, Mrs. J. F. Cook, Mrs. Guy Smith.

Corinth—Mrs. A. M. White, Suson Bell McNeilly, J. G. McNeilly, and E. F. Bridges.

Mulls' Chapel—W. F. Mull, Mrs. N. E. Mull, J. R. Rhoney, and Mrs. Eler Rhoney.

St. John—J. R. Huffman, W. C. Hoyle, Z. M. Stamey, Mrs. Ella Burns, and Mrs. Anna Stamey.

St. Paul—C. C. Crotts, L. H. Bumgardner, R. A. Newton, and E. L. Pruett.

Icard—J. B Epps, J R. Stamey, P. A. Berry, and Mrs. H. B. Chronister.

Beulah—A. J. Yancy, Austin Rhoney, and Pink Tallant.

Zion Hill—W. E. Ledford, John Hudson, W. R. Ramsey, and A. L. Buff.

Mt. Vernon—J. H. Wesson, D. W. Leatherman, and M. J. Hoyle.

Walker's Chapel—Miles Huffman, Mackie Huffman, Filo Huffman, and Ramon Keller.

Shoupes' Grove—Andrew Berry, John Cline, J. F. Berry, Bertha Berry, and Jessie Thorn.

Pisgah—B. H. Parker, J. C. Costner, Mrs. Minnie Mace, Estel Canipe, and N. H. Parker.

Pleasant Grove—J. B. Carswell, S. S. Carswell, Wade Denton, Lincoln Denton and S. A. Carswell.

Olive Grove—D. D. Cook, W. M. Walker, W. T. Parker.

Mt. Zion—J. R. Price, George Davis, Ottis Cook, Mrs. Ollie Weathers, P L. Deviney and Miss Vassie Davis.

Wilkes Grove—G. W. Heldibrand, D. A. Johnson, W. A. Burns, Jones Greenhill, Essie Young, Lillie Young and Beulah Young.

Zoar—Blanch Heavner, E. W. Lawman and Ruby Hildebrand.

Then the Association was organized, and the following officers were elected: J. R. Huffman, Moderator; H. B. Chronister, Vice-Moderator; B. H. Parker, Clerk.

After the organization, J. W. Davis and Santford Carswell were appointed to read the church letters which took place by the same.

Then the Moderator appointed the following committee: Finance—Pinkney Leatherman and Louis Blanton.

Committee on Nomination of Members to Executive Board—Frank Leatherman, E. L. Pruett and G. W. Heldibrand.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Deacons and pastor of entertaining church.

Committee on Place and Preacher to Preach the Introductory Sermon—W. C. Hoyle, W. C. Abee and L. H. Bumgardner.

The following Brethren were recognized during the Session: Dr. C. E. Maddery, W. R. Beach, J. J. Beach, H. M. Coon, Lawrence McClure, E. L. McDaniel and J. F. Cook and J. C. Barnett, and G. P. Abernethy.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw asked that Dr. C. E. Maddery preach in his place, and the introductory sermon was preached by Dr. C. E. Maddery very gracefully.

Dismissed by H. B. Chronister until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song Service conducted by P. M. Deal.

Prayer was offered by C. A. Abernethy.

Devotional Service conducted by Rev. E. L. McDaniel.

Then Rev. L. C. Douthit, being the pastor of Mt. Vernon Church offered a word of welcome.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Report not in.

Discussed by Rev. J. H. Boggs, Rev. L. C. Douthit and adopted.

PERIODICALS OF BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder has already entered upon its ninety-second year of its publication as organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

It is our medium of communication for writing the people of our state and giving information concerning the work of spreading the gospel.

It has sought to be true to its name and to fulfill its mission as a Kingdom agency.

Our pepole need information that can be obtained in no other way.

The Biblical Recorder is the Acts of the Apostles for our age and it enables us to lift up our eyes and look on the fields white unto the harvest and gives us the inspiration to enter those fields as laborers in the harvest fields.

Your committee would urge every pastor and all others to use every possible means to extend the circulation of our organ.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Beach.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by W. R. Beach and J. R. Huffman and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

The evil of strong drink is abroad in our land with its tremendous force, its enticing spirit, and degrading work. In most of cases it works within men a desire for its effect when first tasted. Then it is best to keep it from the youth.

The liquor traffie, in any way is most wretched. It breaks up homes, destroys lives, and leads to Hell.

The liquor dealers and sympathizers say, "The unwise are

concealed," but a little consideration of the Bible will teach them better. Prov. 20-1.

Every true Christian should rejoice over the prohibition law. It is a means whereby we can better rid ourselves of the blind tigers, bootleggers, etc., who openly defy the laws of our country.

Let every Baptist and every law abiding citizen line up with the officers, "For they are God's servants attending to His work," and march forward against this great evil.

Respectfully submitted,
B. H. Parker.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by B. H. Parker, J. H. Boggs, L. C. Douthit, H. B. Chronister and P. M. Deal and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Resolved that the delegates from every church go home and do their best in trying to stop the making and selling of liquor, in the community in which they live.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. Abernethy.

MISCELLANEOUS

Collection to pay for the printing of programs was taken.

The time was changed from Thursday after the second Sunday in September to Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October.

Dismissed by W. R. Beach until 7:30 P. M., then preaching by J. H. Boggs.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song Service conducted by J. W. Davis.
Devotional service conducted by C. A. Abernethy.
Prayer offered by B. H. Parker.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

One of the greatest problems of the Baptists is to give the gospel to all the world. The most honorable work ever given to a people is in the great command to go into all the world and preach the gospel of Christ. Today the demand is urgent, the great opportunities to carry the gospel to the heathen are now open to the Baptist of this south land.

We have mission work opened in seventeen foreign countries with calls for more workers and better equipment.

There is great need for more church houses, schools, hospitals, etc.

The board is compelled to turn down many calls for help to those great needs because of lack of funds.

The best way to evangelize the heathen people is to train native workers; we will never reach the millions of people without the help of native workers. The greatest opportunity that will ever come to us is to build men for future leadership in the churches of our Lord in foreign lands.

We urge that first of all prayers be made for all our workers on the Foreign Fields and that our gifts be made according to the Bible plans.

Your committee suggests that every pastor in this, our, association keep before his people the importance of giving regularly to this worthy cause of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Chronister.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by H. B. Chronister and C. A. Abernethy and adopted.

On motion of J. W. Davis, Rev. J. C. Barnett was to preach instead of the discussion on State Missions as they had been fully discussed.

HOME MISSIŌNS

Home Missions has to do with our own land and her foster child, Cuba. The two great tasks of the Baptist of the South are, 1st, enlistment of the inactive members of the church into active service. 2nd, The evangelism of those unsaved.

We have now evangelist and evangelistic singers who are trying to carry on this work where badly needed. Also enlistment workers.

There are thousands of churches in the South without houses of Worship. About a thousand houses are too small for accomodation of those who want to attend, for instance St. Paul in our own association. We have also within bounds over 4,000,000 foreigners, 140,000 Indians, and over 9,000,000 Negroes. In Cuba in 1921 we had 60 churches and 48 Missionaries. Of course there are a few more now but many more are needed. All that Southern Baptists are doing for the people in this immense territory is through the Home Mission Board. Let us strive to do greater work and at least give our support.

It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power but ye shall receive power—

and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:7-8.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Bumgardner.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by G. P. Abernethy and H. B. Chronister and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS—SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Baptist State Convention was conceived in the consecrated brain of Martin Ross. The Convention was organized at Greenville, N. C., on March 26th, 1830.

When the Convention was organized there were 15,000 Baptists in the State, white and colored. Now there are 340,000 white Baptists maqing a total of 570,000 out of a population of 3,500,000. We have Baptised 100,000 into our churches since 1919. There are 64 Associations, 2,263 churches, 2,175 Sunday Schools, 1,365 B. Y. P. U.s and 2,075 Women's Missionary Societies and Auxiliary Societies. There are 1,300 churches without a B. Y. P. U., and about the same number without a W. M. S. Organization. There are 1,998 country churches in the state and about 1,500 of these just a little one room church house. We are rapidly building new church and Sunday School equipment and we can see from the above we have a long way to go yet.

We have 180 Missionaries and they serve 300 churches and Mission Stations. We have 3 evangelists, 3 enlistment men, 3 student workers, 4 Sunday School workers, 3 B. Y. P. U. workers and 3 W. M. U. Workers. We have an associate secretary, A. C. Hamby, located at Mars Hill and stewardship secretary, W. M. Gilmore, Raleigh.

A proper understanding and practice of this fundamental doctrine by North Carolina Baptists would solve all our financial problems. Hence great emphasis is being placed on the Bible teaching on this subject. One of our objectives is to get every Baptist in North Carolina to realize that he is a steward of his possessions and not the real owner, and one day he must stand before the real owner and give an account of how he has used everything that has been entrusted to him; to introduce all of our Baptist churches to become orthodox in practicing the simple New Testament plan of Financing the Kingdom of God. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." This is one of our most serious problems.

There is a debt at this time on the running account of State Missions of perhaps $80,000 or more. State Missions is facing a

terrible debt this fall unless our people pay their pledges. The Building Fund is overwhelmed with applications. There are more than 35 on file in the office that the Board has not been able to touch. The need for a larger amount for the Building Fund is Great.

We need to enlarge every Department of the work and we must enlarge and go forward or we shall lose our great opportunity. A crisis is upon us this fall and we must meet it like men and women who love and fear the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Davis.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by J. C. Barnett who took Sunday school as a branch of State Mission instead of his preaching service, also O. A. Rhoney, J. R. Huffman and J. W. Davis, and adopted.

On the motion of H. B. Chronister the Association asked J. C. Barnett to come to St. John church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in November for the purpose of discussing Sunday School work.

We, your committee on place of next meeting recommend Walkers Chapel Church as the place. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. C. A. Abernethy alternate.

The Chairman appoints the following Delegates to Baptist State Convention: H. B. Chronister, L. H. Bumgardner and A. A. Parker. He also appointed people to write reports whose names appear in the front of this Minute.

OBITUARIES

They who have passed away since last Association are a total of twenty-three from the different Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Chronister.

On motion of C. A. Abernethy, the report was adopted.
Dismissed by L. C. Douthit until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service conducted by L. C. Douthit.
Devotional service conducted by G. P. Abernethy.
On motion of H. B. Chronister, Hulls Grove came under the watch care of the South Mountain Baptist Association.

WOMAN'S WORK—W. M. U.

The Womans Missionary Union is a great force in giving the Gospel to our home and foreign lands.

It is an organization that is helping the woman to get a greater vision of the need of the Gospel in all the world. A live W. M. M. is a great inspiration to any church.

The women are liberal givers; they gave, in this state to the 75 million campaign in five years more than one and one half million dollars.

We urge that every church in this Association make an effort to have a W. M. U. The "Royal Service" and the "Home and Foreign" are Magazines of much information and help to this work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. B. Chronister.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by H. B. Chronister, L. C. Douthit, C. A. Abernethy, Mrs. H. B. Chronister, and G. P. Abernethy and adopted.

We your committee on nomination of members to Executive Board recommend: Franklin Mull, P. M. Leatherman, L. H. Bumgardner, W. H Burns. and Mrs. H. B. Chronister.

The Moderator appoints B. H. Parker as Chairman of this Association.

On motion of H. B. Chronister, Mt. Gilead was invited to come back to the Association.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE

The Thomasville Orphanage, is one of our greatest Institutions, because it is the only dependence for the fatherless and motherless children, it has grown in its forty years to where we now have 969 children, aided by the orphanage, three years ago the orphanage began mothers aid work. careing for children in the home, we now have 375 children that are cared for in their homes with their mothers. The daily cost of support of 574 of these children which are at Thomasville is $453,46, cost per month, per child, $23.70, that includes food, clothing and school.

This Institution is depending on the free will offering of the people so let every church do its best for the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. Abernethy.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by C. A. Aber-

nethy, J. J. Waldrop, and H. B. Chronister and adopted.

We your committee on finance report $50.04 fr Minutes and Clerk of Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We are commanded to keep the Sabbath Holy, time and again in the Scriptures. There is no better place on earth to keep it Holy than in a good wide-awake Sunday School.. Wherever there is a good Sunday School there you will find a wide-awake, flourishing church. If the Sunday School is in the background, the church will be unprogressive.

What are some of the reasons why we should do our utmost to try to get all the children and adults in Sunday School? First; the Sunday School is the recruiting station for the church. A large per cent of the additions to the church are Sunday School pupils.

Second; Statistics of our great State show that about 90 per cent of our prisoners never attended Sunday School. That only 10 per cent of all prisoners ever attended Sunday School, while they were free men.

For these reasons, ,our aim and ambition, by the help of God should be larger and better Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted, ,

S. A. CARSWELL.

B. Y. P. U.

One of the greatest organizations of the church is the B. Y. P. U. We believe it to be a greater training force than the Sunday School to those who take part.

It prepares the young people for greater work for the kingdom of Christ. And furnishes material for the church. It is an inspiration to study the Bible.

We wish how soon evey church may have a Baptist Young Peoples Union.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Chronister.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved' That we the members of the South Mountain Baptist Association reaffirm our faith in the creation record of the world of God as given in book of Genesis and we hold that God in the exercise of His sovereignty and omnipotence did directly create

various types and forms of living creatures and things which inhabit the world.

Resolved further: That we discord the theory of evolution as without support of evidence to justify its acceptance. And we urge the trustees of our Baptist Colleges and Schools to see to it that evolution is not taught in them. Also we are opposed to employment of teachers who discard the Bible record of divine creation and also opposed to the doctrine being taught in the State Colleges and Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Davis.

Resolved: That we extend to the people of this church and community our heartfelt thanks for their kind hospitality while among them.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Chronister.

Dismissed in love by J. W. Davis until the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of October, 1926. To meet with Walkers Chapel Church, twelve miles Southeast of Morganton.

Moderator, J. R. HUFFMAN.

Vice-Moderator, H. B. CHRONISTER

Clerk, B. H. PARKER.

TABLE 1---STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Time of Preach'g	Value of Church Property	GAINS				LOSSES			Total Memb'ship
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restorat'n	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	
Abees' Chapel	H. B. Chronister, Icard	Latta Heavner, Connelly Springs	2nd	$ 1,200.00					3			66
Bethany	W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory	D. H. Page, Hildebrand	3rd	500.00		1			7		1	70
Connelly Springs	H. B. Chronister, Icard	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College	3rd	1,500.00	5	3			10	6		125
Corinth	J. W. Davis Shelby	J. G. McNeilly, ,Lawndale	3rd	800.00	4							87
Mulls Chapel	C. A. Abernethy, Worth	W. F. Mull, Vale	4th	10,000.00					1			69
Mt. Vernon	L. C. Douthit, Cherryville	J. Z. Houser	4th	3,000.00	8	4			1		3	93
Mt. Zion	J. W. Davis, Shelby	R. C. Fortenbery, Casar	3rd	800.00	5				4	1	1	111
Olive Grove	E. L. McDanial, Lattimore	O. C. Cook, Casar	4th	750.00	11	2			3		2	130
Pisgah	C. A. Abernethy, Worth	A. A. Parker, Casar	2nd	1,500.00	2						2	111
Pleasant Grove	E. L. McDanial, Lattimore	S. A. Carswell, Connelly Springs	2nd	1,000.00	5				1		1	130
Shoupes Grove	B. H. Parker, Casar	J. T. Berry, Connelly Springs	2nd	800.00	7			1	4	84		64
St. John	C. A. Abernethy, Worth	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs	2-4th	3,500.00	7	2	1		2	28	3	123
Walkers Chapel	E. L. McDanial, Lattimore	J. W. Keller, Connelly Springs	3rd	1,200.00	4	1			1			100
Wilkies Grove	A. M. Segel	A. A. Hudson, Connelly Springs	2nd		9	1			3	3	2	117
Zion Hill	E. L. McDanial, Lattimore	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs	1st	1,500.00	9	3			6	3	3	104
Zoar	H. B. Chronister, Icard	Everett Hildebrand, Connelly Spgs	1st	1,200.00	7	1	3		1			55
Beulah	A. Abernethy, Worth	Austin Rhoney, Vale	3rd	800.00					1			34
Icard	H. B. Chronister, Icard	J. F. Finger, Icard	2-4th	1,400.00	6	6			4		1	69
St. Paul	L. C. Douthit, Cherryville	L. H. Bumgardner, Casar	1st	800.00	12	1		1	8	1	4	252
TOTAL				$32,050.00	101	25	4	2	60	125	23	1831

TABLE 2---FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Other salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. expenses	Local Poor	Minute Funds, etc.	Other Objects	Home Total	Unified Program	Orphanage	Denominational Total	Grand Total
Abees' Chapel	$ 100.00	$	$ 30.00	$ 30.00	$	$ 6.59	$	$ 3.00	$25.00	$ 194.59	$ 12.50	$	$ 12.50	$ 207.09
Bethany	96.00	8.75		550.10	5.00	15.00	3.25	1.65	20.00	699.75	9 73	31.15	40.88	740.63
Connelly Springs	300.00		83.00	125 00	20.00	45.00		4.90		577.00	124.00	26.00	150.00	727.00
Corinth	192.43.		28.00	130.00		10.00	40.00	2.00		402.43				402.43
Mull's Chapel	125.00					37.23				162.23		40.00	40.00	202.23
Mt. Vernon	400.00					33.27		2.00		435.27	25.00		25.00	406.27
Mt. Zion	150.00		15.00			17 54		2.20		184.74		7.16	7.16	191.90
Olive Grove	95.55			277.50		12.21	4.75	3.05		392.96				392.96
Pisgah	77.87		20.00				5.00	3.00		105.87	23.01	4.35	27.36	133.23
Pleasant Grove	105.44	40.00	27.75	20.00		10.00		2.50		205.69				205.69
Shoupes Grove	142.71		31.50		3.00	10.77	14.11	5.00		207.09	9.70	79.55	89.25	296.34
St John	170.86		48.10			12.83	2.00	2.50	6.00	242.29	20.00	5.00	25.00	267.29
Walker's Chapel	121.69						25.00	1.50		148.19		7.40	7.40	155.59
Wilkies Grove	273.00	34.40				26.50				333.90	20.50		20.50	354.40
Zion Hill	122.50		5.60			15.00		1.60		144.75		8.84	8.84	153.59
Zoar	87.00		31.90	77.00	8.50	12.00	14.50	1.75	26.75	259.40	15.00	8.15	23.15	282.55
Beulah	50.71		20.00			4.00		1.00		75.71	3.00	2.00	5.00	80.71
Icard	270.00		73.00		19.48	68.15	24.00	3.00		454.63	101.20		101.20	555.83
St. Paul	300.00		2.00		2.00	10.50		2.50		317.00	25.00		25.00	342.00
TOTALS	$3,180.81	$83.15	$410.25	$1,215.20	$54.98	$346.59	$132.61	$42.25	$77.75	$5,544.39	$388.64	$219.54	$553.24	$6,051.68

TABLE 3---SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT. and POSTOFFICE	SEC'Y. and POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Contributions Home expenses	Contribution for Orphanage, Missions, Etc.
Abees Chapel	Sadie Abee, Connelly Springs	John Abee, Connelly Springs	5	40	$ 6.59	
Bethany	J. C. Abernathy, Hickary, R-5	Mattie Mosteller, Hildebrand	10	70	15.00	
Connelly Spgs.	J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs	A. S. Wilson, Rutherford Col	7		45.00	
Corinth	A. M. White, Casar	P. A. Hoyle, Casar	6	81	10.00	
Mull's Chapel	H. D. Rhoney, Vale		8		37.23	$ 30.00
Mt. Vernon	J. F. Leatherman, Vale	Ira Blanton		112	33.27	
Mt. Zion	Ottis Cook, Casar		5	67	17.54	
Olive Grove	W. M. Walker, Casar	O. C. Cook, Casar	7	51	12.21	
Pisgah	Julius Parker, Casar	Estell Canipe	7	67		
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Chapman, Connelly Springs	Jula Carswell, Connelly Springs	7	79	10.00	
Shoupe's Grove	D. D. Propst, Hickory	Mrs. Jessie Hilderbrand, Conn. Spg.	7	68	10.77	
St. John	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs	Miss Lillie Huffman, Conn. Spgs.	10	96	12.53	5.00
Walker's Chapel	Mackie Huffman, Connelly Spgs.	Mrs. S. J. Keller, Connelly Spgs.	2	39		
Wilkie's Grove	A. A. Hudson, Connelly Spgs.	J. S. Hudson	9	138	26.50	
Zion Hill	S. L. Pruett, Lawndale	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs			15.00	
Zoar	D. A. Heavner, Connelly Springs	Helen Stroupe	7	93	12.00	
Beulah	Pink Talent, Vale		6	41	4.00	
Icard	J. B. Epps, Icard	W. B. Bollinger, Icard	7	65	68.15	68.15
St. Paul	R. A. Newton, Belwood	Maebell Costner, Belwood	9		10.50	
TOTALS			119	1107	$346.59	$103.15

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Program For 1927 and Names Of Report Writers

10:00 a. m. Organization and enrollment of delegates.

11:15—Annual sermon—J. J. Waldrop.

12:00 M.—Miscellaneous.

12:15 p. m.—Noon.

1:30 p. m.—Christian Education—J. E. Wilson.

2:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.—J. B. Epps.

3:00 p. m.—Temperance—A. A. Parker.

4:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous.

Friday.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional.

9:30 a. m.—Foreign Missions—H. B. Chronister.

10:15—a. m.—Home Missions—C. A. Abernethy.

11:00 a. m.—State Missions—J. R. Chapman.

12:00 M.—Noon.

1:30 p. m.—Periodicals—J. R. Huffman.

2:15 p. m.—W. M. U.—Mrs. J. F. Cook

2:45—Orphanage—Gus Hoyle.

3:30 p. m.—Sunday school—B. H. Ledwell.

4:15 p. m.—Obituaries.

CONSTITUTION.

1.—This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Baptist Association.'

2.—The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3.—This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4.—This Association shall be composed eof delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective Church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

6.—No person shall be eligible to office in this Association who is not a member thereof.

7.—Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8.—Each ordained minister of the association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9.—The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptst Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10.—The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.

1.—This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12.—This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1.—Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2.—All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

H. B. CHRONISTER, Icard.
J. H. COOK, Casar.
BRADY PARKER, Wingate.
AMOS SWINK, Connelly Springs R-3.
DAVID WESSON, Vale.
A. J WACASTER, Icard.
M. A. HUFFMAN, Icard.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PINK LEATHERMAN
W. C. HOYLE
J. R. CARSWELL
L. H. BUMGARDENR
J. B. RHONEY

PROCEEDINGS.

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its Sixteenth Annual session with Walkers Chapel Baptist church, October 21st, 1926. Devotional exercises by Amos Swink.

Then roll of churches was called and the following delegates enrolled.

Abees Chapel—S. S. Hilderbrand, Floy Lowman, Ailen Stamey. Mrs. Flay Lowman and J. B. Lowman.

Bethany—D. H. Page, Miss Dora Page and Mrs. Cline.

Beulah—A. J. Yancy, and Austin Rhoney.

Connelly Springs—P. M. Deal, J. E. Wilson, B. L. Ledwell, J. L. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Cook and Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Corinth—J. G. McNeill and Gradie McNeilly.

Icard—P. A .Berry, Rev. M. A. Huffman, Lillie Mae Berry, Mrs. H. B. Chronister and Mrs. J. R. Stamey.

Mulls Chapel—W. F. Mull and Mrs. M. E. Mull.

Mt. Zion—R. R. Price and R. E. Newton.
and Mrs. Allie Brindle.

Mt. Vernon—L. H. Blanton, Pink Leatherman, Mrs. Lula Hoyle.

Mt. Gilead—Coy Hipps.

Olive Grove—O. C. Cook and John Cook.

Pisgah—W. S. Johnson, Joseph Costner, Julius Parker, Miss Annie Canipe and Miss Bertha Parker.

Pleasant Grove—D. Carswell and Vertie Denton.

St. Paul—R. A. Newton, L. H. Bumgardner and C. C. Crotts.

St. John—J. R. Huffman, W. C. Hoyle, W. M. Reynolds, Miss Bertho Hilderbran and Miss Emma Smith.

Shoups Grove—P. S. Stillwell, P. L. Yancey and D. A. Powell.

Walkers Chapel—Raymond Keller, J. M. Huffman, Logan Huffman, Philo Huffman and Mrs. Raymond Keller.

Wilkies Grove—W. A. Burns, C. E. Hilderbrand, J. L. Hudson and Mrs. S. C. Hilderbrand.

Zion Hill—M. C. Buff, Rev. Amos Swink, Cleveland Buff.

Zoar—G. A. Hilderbrand, Naimo Taylor, D. A. Hayner.

Then elected J. R. Huffman, Moderator; Rev. H. B. Chronister, Vice-Moderator and A. A. Parker, Clerk.

Then appointed B. L. Ledwell and L. H. Bumgardner on digest of letter; then song.

Annual Sermon by Rev. C. A. Abernethy. Text: 8 chapter and 5th verse Haggi.

Prayer by E. L. McDaniel, then song. Miscellaneous. Recognized Brother Jones from Sandy Run Association; Brother J. J. Waldrop from Gaston Association; and Brother Huffman from Icard Blinde. Chairman appoints Zeb Lowman and W. A. Burns as Finance Sommittee. Adjourned one hour for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Rev. J. J. Waldrop. Song by P. M. Dale. Chairman appointed Committee on Place: O. C. Cook, P. M. Dale and P. M. Leatherman.

Committee to nominate an Executive Committee: Robert Newton, J. C. Costner, J. M. Huffman, Coy Hipps and Pink Berry.

Christian Education.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Education means to draw out.

Christian education then means drawing out in the Lord's work.

We have seven schools and colleges owned by the state convention with property valued above five millions of dollars, with 2,900 students enrolled; 270 of these are preparing for missionaries and preachers.

One of the great needs of America today is Christian training, with the great crimes of the times we need to train for the

Kingdom work, leading them out from the wiles of the devil.

To carry out the program we need all our people enlisted. One of the great commandments is to teach after they are reached with the gospel. They need to be taught the great things of God and trained for His service.

Wake Forest is our college for men; Meredith and Chowan our college for women.

We are looking to our schools for leaders and preachers.

Boys and girls may receive a college education in the state school without knowing God.

There is far more money being spent in prosecuting criminals than for Christian education of all denominations.

The Bible says to get understanding and the greatest knowledge is to know God and Jesus Christ as His Son.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. CHRONISTER.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by H. B. Chronister, J. R. Huffman and J. E. Wilson. Then adopted.

J. E. Wilson offered this resolution to the Constitution: "That we meet annually on Thursday after the 2nd, Sunday in October." Which was adopted by two-thirds majority.

PERIODICALS.

The Biblical Recorder is the organ of North Carolina Baptists there is no organization that does not have a paper through whose columns the members of such organizations can be informed.. But it is a sad fact the church people are the most neglected in taking their Church paper of all organizations. Such neglect is evidence of the fact that we have hosts of Baptists who know nothing of the work or the aims of our denomination. The Biblical Recorder ranks high with the church papers of the South and we recommend it to all North Carolina Baptists and insist that they read it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WILSON.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by J. E. Wilson, W. F. Mull, Rev. M. A. Huffman then adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the oldest subjects with which we are acquainted. All men are endowed with certain appetites that can

be abused. Some one has defined temperance to be the proper use of such things as are useful and abstance of things that are injurious and harmful. Medical science has decided that alcoholic liquors are not needful as a medicine, neither do they contain any stimulating properties that can not be supplied by something else.

Alcoholic liquors contain no food, but a great deal of poison. Horace Greely 100 years ago began to make temperance speeches and said that when the Greeks saw a man drunk they began to cry out "poisoned" for the Greek word for intoxication is poison. Alcoholic poison has destroyed more lives and people than all other agencies in the world. Someone has said strong drink has destroyed more lives than wars, famines and pestilences. It destroys the home, the property the lives of men and their souls, it is an evil ever present and the devil's greatest weapon and it is our duty to forever fight it.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. DEAL.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by P. M. Deal, E. L. McDaniel, Amos Swink, P. M. Leatherman, C. A. Abernethy, C. C. Crotts, J. E. Wilson and W. F. Mull, then adopted.

PLACE.

We your committee on Place beg to make the following report, that the next association meets with Abees Chapel church, four miles, southwest of Connelly Springs, N. C. J. J. Waldrop to preach the annual sermon, H. B. Chronister, alternate.

P. M. DEAL, P. M. LEATHERMAN.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School B report to the convention gives our state approximately 2,181 Sunday schools with a membership of 287,466. Texas leads in schools and membership; Georgia has more schools but less members. We are ahead of all other states. Our schools have made steady gains for some time. The work is going well along all lines besides membership gains. There are marked improvements in organization, building and equipment, teacher training and working for the Standard of Excellence. This standard is being recognized as a program of work and not something technical, while we have done great things in Sunday school, there still remains much to be done let every member try to enlist some one to

go to Sunday school, who now roams the woods and goes from house to house on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. BUMGARDNER.

On motion to adopt, discussed by J. E. Wilson and B. L. Ledwell, then adopted.

The chairman appointed an entertaining committee: Deacons and Pastors of entertaining Church.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Devotional exercises by H. B. Chronister, Read minutes of preceding day, called roll of Churches.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We your committee on Finance report $50.30 as Minute and printing funds.

ZEB LEATHERMAN,
W. A. BURNS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The duty of preaching the Gospel to the whole world, which was commanded of us by our Lord Jesus Christ, is in our hands, we boast of our Christian freedom as a nation, if we are right the world ought to have the freedom which the Gospel offers to it. If we ever solve the foreign mission problem, we must consider the responsibility which the Lord placed upon us when he said "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15. We must consider the preaching of the gospel in the foreign fields as important as we do preaching it at home. The soul of the heathen man is as valuable as the soul of our people, if you and I love the souls of our home land, we ought to love the souls of the foreign lands.

Let us do our part in preaching the gospel in the foreign lands by giving of our money which the Lord has blessed us with. Our money and prayers combined will have a big part in saving the foreign souls. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ABERNETHY.

On motion to adopt, discussed by C. A. Abernethy, H. B. Chonister, then adopted.

Chairman recognized Brother Kistler from Orphanage. M. A. Odum representative of Biblical Recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Stuckenbroke, representing Missions.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Our Baptist people of North Carolina have always manifested the deepest interest in the welfare of helpless and dependent children. The orphanage occupies a high and honorable place in their associational and conventional programs. It is never side tracked or ignored in our general meetings.

From the beginning of its history more than forty years ago, it has been a cherished object in our church life, and its grip on the hearts of our people grows with the passing years. From a trickling stream it has become a broad, deep river requiring a vast outlay to meet the necessities of its ever widening work.

Five hundred and eighty-seven children, including those at the Kennedy Home, were enrolled in the Orphanage in the last report. Besides directly under the care of the institution there are 373 being assisted under the "Mother's Aid" plan. The first families aided under this plan was in the year 1920; since then help has been given to 550 children. The per capita cost of aiding these children is $5.22 per month, while the cost of maintaining those at the Orphanage, including everything, is $24.92 per capita per month.

The Orphanage school has eleven grades running from the kindergarten up. Above the nursery age all the boys and girls have duties—one-half the day being devoted to school and the other half to domestic, field and mechanical work. A well organized church, with an active and consecrated young pastor, furnishes a fine opportunity for the development of the moral and religious life of the community. Cultivation of the missionary spirit in Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., Missionary Society, Sunbeam bands and other agencies is especially emphasized.

Since the fervor of the 75 million campaign has passed contributions to the current fund have fallen off, last year's receipts being $30,040 less than the year before. The treasurer has been compelled to pay interest on borrowed money for the past two years.

We urge our Sunday schools to increase their monthly collectoins, and our churches to enlarge the Thanksgiving offerings; that every Sunday school take Charity and Children on the club plan, and that all our people give one day's income to the institution or

a special thank offering.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. HUFFMAN.

On motion to adopt, discussed by Brother Kistler and D. K. Stuebenbroke. Then adopted.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Song: "Amazing Grace."
Devotional Exercises by D. K. Stuckenbroke.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The W. M. U. is one of the greatest church organizations there is: It has a great deal to do in financing the kingdom of work and has grown in number so rapidly—in 1888 there was one thousand missionaries located in twelve different states. Up to the present date we have grown to the number of ten thousand six hundred and twenty societies located in eighteen state. When we include the young people societies and bands. We have a total of twenty-two thousand nine hundred and forty-four organizations. That gives our W. M. U. family one hundred thousand members in our home-land. We must not forget our societies in the foreign fields.

Let us pray that leaders from their own nation may be called as leaders to train their own people. But above all let us pray for our home-land missionaries in foreign fields.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. F. COOK, Associational Superintendent.

On motion to adopt, a speech was spoken by Mrs. D. K Sukenbroken. Prayer by Brother Ledwell. Then adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. is one among the greatest organizations for young people. It trains the young people to speak in public and not only that but causes them to see their place in God's Kingdom. They learn more about God and study the Bible more than they would if they were not in B. Y. P. U. It causes them to become

more interested in church work, and they attend church more. Every church should have a B. Y. P. U. Show me a church that has a B. Y. P. U. and a Sunday school and I will show you a church that is alive and is working for God. We need the work of the young people, for the young people of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and I hope to see the time when every church will have a B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE CANIPE.

Adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., Dr. B. D. Gray for many years, has had charge of this work as secretary. The Home board is to the work of the entire Southern Baptist convention what our State Mission board is to the mission and training work in our own state. In states with a large population of foreigners, especially in the large cities, the work is too large to be cared for by the individual states. So this board combines and directs the work for their destitute fields. The work in Cuba, among the Indians, negroes and also a work among the Jews, are conducted by this board. These mentioned along with the school and hospital work, constitute the mighty task of this great board.

On the basis of pledges made during the seventy-five million campaign this work was greatly enlarged. Many pledges failed and the board is heavily burdened with debt.

Our answer to this situation is for every individual and every church to rally heartily to the co-operative program and do our duty.

Reespectfully submitted,

M. L. KISLER, For Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is giving the Gospel to North Carolina through our work as operated by Baptists. All move together through our co-operative program for the while work. State Missions get 20 cents of ever dollar raised for our co-operative work and all money definitely designated for this work. Their work has charge of the preaching of the Gospel in destitute places, in city fields to have all time preaching, the woman's work, the young people work, Sunday school work, church building and all work that concerns Baptists in North Carolina. We commend this work to the churches and ask

their hearty co-operation in the same.

On motion to adopt, discussed by D. K. Stuckenbroke and M. A. Odoms, then adopted.

The chairman appoints J. E. Wilson and A. A. Parker, delegates to State convention. Also ones to write reports for next year appearing in firstof Minutes.

Obituaries: Report not in.

Resolved: That we extend to the people of this church and community our hearty thanks for their kind hospitality while among them. Respectfully submitted,

H. B. CHRONISTER.

Dismissed by B. H. Ledwell to meet with Abees Chapel next session.

J. R. MUFFMAN, Moderator.
H. B. CHRONISTER, Vice-Moderator.
A. A. PARKER, Clerk.

TABLE 1---STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	GAINS				LOSSES			TOTAL	Regular Days of Meeting	When Constituted	Value of Church Houses and Grounds
			Baptism	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths	Total Present Members			
Abees Chapel	H. B. Chronister	Lotta Heavener, Connelly Spgs.	11		1		2		1	78	3rd	1886	$ 1,200.00
Bethany	W. R. Bradshaw	D. H. Page, Hilderbrand		2			5		2	65	3rd	1886	2,000.00
Beulah	W. J. Harris	Austin Rhoney, Vale		1					1	34	2nd	1905	2,200.00
Connelly Springs	H. B. Chronister	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College	10	5		1	9		2	130	3rd	1900	2,250.00
Corinth	W. J. Davis	J. G. McNeilly, Lawndale R-7	3	3			4			89	3rd		800.00
Icard	H. B. Chronister	J. F. Finger, Icard	6		2		3	5	2	60	4th	1918	1,400.00
MullsChapel	C. A. Abernethy	W. F. Mull, Vale	9	1			2		2	79	4th		8,000.00
Mt. Zion	W. M. Gold	J. R. Price, Casar		1	1		6			106	3rd	1848	800.00
Mt. Vernon	L. C. Douthit	J. F. Houser, Vale	11	2			1			91	4th		3,375.00
Mt. Gilead	T. C. McDaniel	Coy Hipps, Connelly Spgs.									1st		1,200.00
Olive Grove	E. L. McDaniel	O. C. Cook, Casar	9	3	1			1		115	4th	1887	1,500.00
Pisgah	J. W. Davis	A. A. Parker, Casar					3			109	3rd		1,000.00
Pleasant Grove	E. L. McDaniel	S. A. Cornwell, Connelly Spgs.	1				1		5	125	2nd	1876	1,000.00
St. Paul	C. H. Henderson	W. C. Crotts, Belwood	3	8			1	2	1	259	1st		800.00
St. John	C. A. Abernethy	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Spgs.	8			1				132	2nd&3rd	1842	3,500.00
Shoupes Grove	Will Loney	J. T. Berry, Connelly Spgs.	5			1	4			70	2nd	1893	800.00
Walker Chapel	E. L. McDaniel	J. M. Huffman, Connelly Spgs.	1						1	100	3rd		800.00
Wilkies Grove	A. M. Segal	W. A. Burns, Hickory, R-5.	7	2			1		2	131	2nd&4th		1,500.00
Zion Hill	E. L. McDaniel	W. M. Hudson, Connelly Spgs.	6	3	1		9			105	1st&3rd		1,500.00
Zoar	H. B. Chronister						3		2	88	1st	1921	1,300.00
TOTALS			90	31	6	3	54	8	21	1966			$36,925.00

TABLE 2

CHURCH	TREASURER AND POSTOFFICE	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs
Abees Chapel	Lotta Heavener, Connelly Spgs.	$ 100.00	$ 40.00		
Bethany	J. F. Abernethy, Hilderband	96.00			39
Beulah	Mrs. Anna Yancy, Vale	58.00	15.00		7
Connelly Springs	Walter Berry, Connelly Spgs.	300.00	250.00		3
Corinth	J. G. McNeilly, Lawndale R-7.	161.00			1
Icard	W. B. Ballinger, Icard	270.00	18.00	35.00	2
Mulls Chapel	Atley Rhoney, Vale	85.95			
Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar	109.50			
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Iva Jenks, Vale	400.00			5
Mt. Gilead	Coy Hipps, Connelly Spgs. R-3	10.00			
Olive Grove	D. D. Cook, Casar	108.52			1,50
Pisgah	Zero Parker	74.90	18.00		1
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Spgs. R-3	123.24		23.53	
St. John	W. C. Crotts, Belwood, R-1.	130.00			
St. Paul	H. G. Hoyle, Connelly Sps., R-1.	220.70		32.45	11
Shoupes Grove	O. M. Berry, Connelly Spgs.	160.00	75.00	36.60	
Walkers Chapel	Raymond Keller, Connely S. R-3.	104.20	24.75		
Wilkies Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory R-5	301.51		18.05	
Zion Hill	W. E. Ledford, Lawndale	140.00			
Zoar	Miss Myrtie Stamey, Con. Spgs.	76.00		38.00	
TOTALS		$3,029.53	$440.75	$183.63	$2,22

BLE 3---SUNDAY SCHOOL

NTENDENTS AND ST OFFICES	SECRETARIES AND POST OFFICES	Oficers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	What is Your Average Attendance?	Baptisms from School.	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions, Orphanages, etc.
vener, Connelly Sps.	Sadie Abee, Connelly Spgs.	7	73	56	8		
ethy, Hickory	J. C. Abernethy, Hickory	10	90	60			12.27
t, Vale, R-3	Nellie Young, Vale, R-3	8	50				
ell, Connelly Spg.	O. Chester, Connelly Spgs.	8	132		5		7.50
te, Casar		6	80	54	2		9.55
Icard	Joe Propst, Icard	7	72	55	3	58.00	23.57
ey, W. Hickory		7	118		9		
Lawndale	J. F. Logan, Casar	5	65	40			
erman, Vale	Ira Blanton, Vale	9	99	65	11		
school							
, Casar	John Cook, Casar	6	68	50	7		
ker, Casar	Decatur Pruett, Casar	7	83	45		5.00	
man, Connely Sps., R-3	M. E. Carswell, Morganton	5	52	25			
ts, Belwood	Mabel Costner, Belwood	9	121				
man, Connelly Sps.	Della Vanhorn, Connelly Spgs.	12	129	62	5	19.00	10.58
st, Hickory, R-4		7	80		4		
man, Connely S. R-3	Brintie Huffman, Connely Spgs.	5	73	42	2		
ns	J. L. Hudson	9	150				
k, Connelly Sps. R-3	D. F. Buff, Lawndale	5	102	40			
ser, Connely Spgs.	Myrtie Stamey, Connelly Spgs.	8	90	70			
		140	1627		57	$82.00	$63.39

Minutes

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South Mountain Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Abees Chapel Church

October 13th and 14th, 1927

J. R. HUFFMAN, Mod.
M. A. HUFFMAN, Vice Mod.
A. A. PARKER, Clerk

The next session will be held with Olive Grove Church three miles North East of Casar, N. C., October.

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PROGRAM FOR 1928 SESSSION OF ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

10:00 A. M.—Jas. Street, Annual Sermon.
10:45 A. M.—Organization.
11:00 A. M.—S. L. Pruett, Sunday School.
11:30 A. M.—P. M. Deal, B. Y. P. U.
12:10 P. M.—Adjournment.

AFTERNOON

1:10 P. M.—Devotional.
1:20 P. M.—J. J. Waldrop, State Missions.
1:50 P. M.—M. A. Huffman, Home Missions.
2:20 P. M.—J. B. Rhoney, Foreign Missions.
3:00 P. M.—S. A. Carwell, Temperance.
3:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

NIGHT

7:00 P. M.—Old Time Singing.
8:00 P. M.—Louis Blanton, Old Ministers Relief.
8:30 P. M.—Sermon.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 A. M.—Devotional.
9:45 A. M.—Reading of Minutes.
9:55 A. M.—Report of Committees.
10:00 A. M.—W. A. Burns, Biblican Recorder.
10:30 A. M.—J. B. Huffman, Orphanage.
11:45 A. M.—E. L. McDaniel, Obitauries.
12:00 M. —Adjornment.

AFTERNOON

1:00 P. M.—Devotional.
1:10 P. M.—Two Minutes Report From Each Church.
2:00 P. M.—Mrs. J. F. Cook, Women's Work.
2:30 P. M.—Report of Executive Committee.
2:45 P. M.—Miscellaneous.
3:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

1.—This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Baptist Association."

2.—The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3.—This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4.—This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective Church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Modreator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

6.—No person shall be eligible to office in this Association who is not a member thereof.

7.—Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8.—Each ordained minister of the association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9.—The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10.—The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.

11.—This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12.—This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

RULES OF ORDER.

1.—Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2.—All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

H. B. CHRONISTER, Icard.
J. H. COOK, Casar.
B. H. PARKER, Wingate.
AMOS SWINK, Connelly Springs, Rt. 3
M. A. HUFFMAN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PINK LEATHERMAN
L. H. BUMGARDNER
J. R. CHAPMAN
J. E. WILSON
ZEB STAMEY

PROCEEDINGS.

The South Mountain Baptist Association convened in the 17th Annual Session with Abees Chapel Church on Thursday, Octoben 13th, 1927, at 10:00 A. M.

Song—"Stand Up For Jesus," led by J. R. Chapman.

Prayer by Bro. H. B. Chronister. Again song, "Precious Name." Then called Roll of Churches and the following delegates enrolled:

Abees Chapel—John Abee, Alex. Stamey, Mrs. B. C. Hilderbran, Mrs. Martha Abee.

Bethany—D. H. Page, Mrs. D. H. Page, and Mrs. J. G. Bridges.

Beulah—W. A. Rhoney, A. J. Yancy, Bessie Rhoney.

Connelly Springs—J. E. Wilson, P. M. Deal, J. L. Smith, Walter Berry and Mrs. J. F. Cook.

Corinth—

Icard—P. A. Berry, Lillian Berry, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Finger.

Mull's Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mull, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Rhoney, A. C. Peeler, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Rhoney.

Mt. Zion—J. R. Price, C. C. Wall.

Mt. Vernon—W. F. Wesson, L. H. Blanton, J. F. Leatherman.

Mt. Gilead—By letter.

Olive Grove—W. T. Parker.

Pasgah—A. A. Parker, P. L. Buff.

Pleasant Grove—J. R. Chapman, S. A. Carswell, Margie Carswell, Julia Carswell.

St. Paul.—N. A. Newton, M. C. Wright, C. H. Crotts.

Shoups Grove—J. J. Berry, Andrew Berry, B. Berry, Junie Thorn.

St. John—J. R. Huffman,, V. C. Hoyle, J. M. Stamey and W. M. Reyonlds.

Walker's Chapel—Miles Huffman, Mochie Huffman, Philo Huffman and Katie Huffman.

Wilkies Grove—W. J. Burns, W. A. Burns, Shirley Hudson and W. L. Miller.

Zion Hill—W. M. Hudson, M. E. Buff, W. S. Hoyle and O. B. Bridgers.

Zoar—M. A. Homer, Blanch Homer and Mrs. G. A. Hilderbrand.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. Then elected officers as follows: J. R. Huffman, Moderator; M. A. Huffman, Vice-Moderator; A. A. Parker, Clerk. Then chairman appointed J. R. Chapman Treasurer.

Committee on Place and to select a preacher to preach annual sermon. Chairman recognized the folowing breathren: Bros. W. R. Bradshaw, D. S. Lee, S. A. Stroup, A. C. Hamby, J. C. Berry, E. L. McDaniel, W. S. Jones, G P. Abernathy, H. E. Waldrop.

Annual Sermon by Rev. J. J. Waldrop. Text Matt. 9:28. Song, "We Will Work Till Jesus Comes."

Chairman appoints committee to select an Executive Committee: Willie Hudson, Mackie Huffman and W. A. Rhoney.

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith ninety-one years ago. Since then it has served as organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our young people. It is for the coustructive effort of our people in obeying the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to al the world. It is published in the interest of our Baptist work and at the expense of the stockholders—for the past six years the paper has been a liability. The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the certain reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset, and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friend.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general, to our people. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievements among our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and laymen's work so that the reader may be informed as to the best method of doing our work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad and so informs the reader of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiritual and intelectual needs in every young churche member. It seeks to present high ideals for our young people, real help to the developing of character—character which will react for good in the future lives of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of pure literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate the readers to render unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. R. HUFFMAN.

Pending motion to adopt, discussed by J. R. Huffman, Rev. A. C, Hamby and M. A. Huffman, then adopted.

Chairman recognized Bro. J. P. Thomas, of Gaston County Association, then adjourned one hour and fifteen minutes for dinner. Benediction by G. P. Abernathy.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Devotional exercises by Rev. G. P. Abernathy. Prayer by Rev. H. E. Waldrop.

We, your committee, to slect an executive committee submit the following: Pink Leatherman, L. H. Bumgardner, J. R. Chapman, J. E. Wilson and Zeb Stamey.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Baptist of North Carolina have three colleges and eight secondary schools enrolling about 5000 pupils, besides several independent, and our Home Mission Schools. From these schools we must look to get the majority of the preachers and religious leaders for the future.

The Lord endows people with natural talents and the Holy Spirit calls or leads them to do certain lines of religious work, but does not teach them to read Greek or Hebrew or fill their heads with a knowledge of language, history or scripture. In order to know these necessary things they must have schools to attend, books to study and be taught. We know that the character of the school and its environments are great factors in shaping the lives of its pupils, so we should ever strive to see that our young people have the advantage of Christian surroundings and teaching if we would have them develop moral and Christian character as they acquire intellectual knowledge. To attain this higher standard of qualification which is so essential in all, we highly recommend our denominational colleges and schools and insist that we ought to patronize and support them.

J. E. WILSON.

Discussed by J. E. Wilson and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, then adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. is a training service of the church. Churches are weak because the members are inefficient in the work of the church, so the church needs a training group, where leaders and workers may be developed. The B. Y. P. U. offers a field for the exercise and development of every talent God has intrusted to us. In 1st Timohty 4:12, "Let no man despise the youth." Here Paul puts value upon young people as workers in the kingdom of God. The B. Y. P. U. provides a suitable place for them to work. The educational work gives instruction regarding service for practice to make perfect, and this idea is nigh unto the motto: "We study that we may serve."

J. B. EPPS.

Discussed by J. E. Wilson and J. P. Thomas. Deferred, then a speech by A. C. Hamby on Missions.

We, your committee on place and to select a preacher for annual sermon, beg to submit the following, That the next session of this Association will meet with Olive Grove church, three miles north-east of Casar and Rev. J. L. Street to preach annual sermon.

P. L. BUFF,
W. T. PARKER,
S. A. CARSWELL.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the principle and practice of total abstanence from intoxicating beverages.

We want to emphasize the evils of strong drink, for it is going on right here among us in our God blessed land. It does not come at once, but slowly penetrating itself into the hearts and minds of its victims, until step by step it has placed its strong cords around them and they are plunging off into outer darkness, where there is weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Touch not, taste not, that which is unclean, for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

It is the devil's greatest weapon, it deprives many children of their privileges, such as education, Sunday School and causes them to go without raiment to wear and many times without food to support their body. Is this not enough to make us put our shoulders to the wheel and support the prohibition acts?

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. PARKER.

Discussed by P. M. Deal, M. A. Huffman, C. A. Abernathy, S. L. Pruett and J. C. Berry, then adopted.

Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Opening song, "In the Sweet Bye and Bue." Prayer by S. L. Pruett. Scripture reading by C. A. Abernathy, Jno. 10:1-13. Sermon M. A. Huffman; ext, Heb. 2:3.

Friday morning session, Song "Blessed Assurance." Prayer by C. A. Abernathy.

Moderator called meeting to order. S. L. Pruett reads the following report on Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

People are saved by faith through Jesus Christ. How can they believe in whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher?

The power of the gospel is sufficient to save the whole world, and we believe all who have it ought to have a part in giving it to those who have it not.

We believe we are saved to save, and there is no other way by which people can hear the gospel only as those who know it give it to them.

More than nineteen hundred years ago Jesus said: "Go, give it to the whole world." We believe this command is in force until the whole world has heard of the Christ as saviour. There are millions yet who have never heard of Jesus and His power to save.

I fear we spend too much time and money at home trying to get people to accept the gospel who insist in rejecting it, to the neglect of those who have not heard.

We are known as Missionary Baptist; when we join the church we obligate ourselves to help give the gospel to the world.

Your committee request that the pastors of this Association keep this worthy cause before his people, and insist that every member contribute to it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. CHRONISTER.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work is one of the most if not the most important department of the Baptist work of the Southern Baptist Convention. The history of Home Missions reads like a romance, but facts are more wonderful than fiction.

Home Missions have been the means of the conversion of thousands all over our sunny Southland, and have become an abiding institution in our kingdom work, it is an essential part of that spiritual urge to which our Lord compared the lump of leaven a woman hid in a measure of meal till the whole was leavened.

Contributions per capita to our Home Mission work have been falling off, we look upon this as a great calamity when we view the fields so vast and so white unto the harvest.

We should pray and work and give until Baptist church bells may be heard all over the bounds of this great spiritual enterprise, when every man and woman, boy and girl may hear and accept the truth as it is in Jesus, our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ABERNETHY.

STATE MISSIONS

Every since the day the Baptist State Convention was organized, March 26, 1830, at Greenville, with 14 members, its avower purpose has been to "give the Gospel to N. C. and then to all the world." How successmfully the founders of the Convention and their successors have wrought may be seen by the following comparisons:

In 1830 there were only 15,000 Baptists in N. C., white and colored. There are now 375,767 white Baptists alone, and approximately 240,000 negro Baptists, making a total of around 600,000, or about 48 church members out of every 100 in N. C. are Baptists. There is not a county in the State and scarcely a town of any size without a Baptist church. However, in many places the Baptist cause greatly needs strengthening. The first year the Convention met it reported $700 for Missions and Education, the two objects to which it contributed. Last year contributions to all benevolent objects, including the Orphanage, amounted to $737,317.32.

Not until 40 years ago when Columbus Durham became Corresponding Secretary, devoting all of his time to the work, did the Baptist cause begin to gather momentum. For seven years Dr. Durham threw himself into the work with the zeal of the early disciples. Then came John E. White for five years, followed by L. Johnson for 15 progressive years, when the cause went forward by leaps and bounds. Then came Walt. N. Johnson for five years, during which period the 75 Million Campaign was launched and new financial levels were reached, which we have not been able to attain since. For the past seven and a half years Charles E. Mad-

dry has directed in a masterly way the affairs of the Board as its executive head, being now the General Secretary of the General Board. He has associated with him in the dierction of the State Mission department A. C. Hamby, Mars Hill, and Walter M. Gilmore, Raleigh.

Nothwithstanding the appropriation for State Missions has been reduced each year for the past four, from $146,000 to $132,000, then to $92,000 and then to $77,000 for this year, there is a debt of around $60,000 on the running account of State Missions. Still more drastic cuts will be made next year unless there is a marked increase in the income of the Board. This would be suicidal to all the work; for it is only as we strengthen the stakes at home that we can hope to lengthen the cords to the ends of the earth.

The Board is helping to sustain this year 87 missionary pastors who are serving 147 churches. The report at our last convention showed 118 missionaries serving 200 churches, organizing 11 new churches, receiving by baptism 1,921 and 1,740 by letter and otherwise.

Department of W. M. U., Mrs. W. N. Jones, President, Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Raleigh, Corresponding Secretary. Number of W. M. U. organizations now in the State, 2,443, with a membership of 40,326. There are five general workers, including the office force, and three other special field workers. Over $265,000 contributed to denominational objects last year by different W. M. U. organizations. There are 972 churches out of the 2,325 in the State without any sort of missionary organization, and there are 133,073 women connected with our churches who are not affiliated with any missionary organization.

Sunday School Department—E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, Secretary; Gladys Beck, Elementary Secretary. L. L. Morgan, Raleigh, Jas. A. Ivey, Hickory, field workers for the east and west, with 11 other associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. field workers, There are now 2,243 Sunday Schools in the state, with a membership of 323,777.

B. Y. P. U. Department—Perry Morgan, Raleigh, Secretary; Winnie Rickett, Jr., Intermediate Secretry; Marguerite Harrison, Goldsboro, and Mary Frances Biggers, Salisbury, field workers for the east and west, with 11 associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. field workers. There are now 2,066 B. Y. P. U. organizations in the state with approximately 60,000 members. Each of these B. Y. P. U.'s is a training camp for the future leaders of the denomination. 1,287 churches without any B. Y. P. U.

Evangelistic Department—Only two evangelists now, J. C. Canipe, Roxboro, and J. H. Moore, Durham, who is working with the colored people. Some 75 churches are being aided this year by volunteer pastors.

Student Activities—The Board is co-operating in maintaining the following student workers: R. P. Downey, Wake Forest; L. H. Tapscott, Chapel Hill; Y. C. Elliott, N. C. State, Raleigh; Miss Cleo Mitchell, N. C. C. W., Greensboro.

Preachers' School—One of the most hopeful features of the work is this school at Meredith College in June. More than 250 preachers attended the last session.

Book Shop of the Board is rendering invaluable service in Kingdom building. Miss Madge Alderman, Raleigh, is manager.

The Task Ahead

To evangelize 600,000 people in N. C. over 10 years of age who are not Christians; to enlist in all the work of the Kingdom the 250,000 members who are doing nothing; to train for effective leadership our young people. to bring about a great revival of Christian Stewardship. When this is done, the Kingdom of God will come in a day. 23 cents out of each dollar given to the Co-operative Program will be devoted to the promoition of our State Mission work.

J. R. CHAPMAN.

Pending motion to adopt, reports were discused by M. A. Huffman, J. J. Waldrop, C. A. Abernathy and P. M. Leatherman. The following brethern were recognized: A. A. Lockee and W. H. Ballard. At this junction the Association was led in special prayer for missions by M. A. Huffman. Further discussion by A. A. Lockee. Reports were adopted. At this time the B. Y. P. U. was taken up again, and Rev. J. J. Waldrop was elected associational B. Y. P. U. director. The Association was divided into three sections: one, two and three.

ORPHANAGE DEPORT

For forty-two years our Orphanage has been making answer to the roll call of institutions set apart to carry on the service of Him "who went about doing good." The last annual report gives the number of children present 614, of these 114 are at the eastern branch known as the Kennedy Home. There are 365 cared for with their own mothers, making in all 979. From the beginning, for shorter or longer periods, 3200 children have felt the helping hand of North Carolina Baptists. We now have sixteen cottages at Thomasville and four at the Kennedy Home. These are that many households having their own dining rooms and kitchens.

The health, training, and well balanced education of these children engage the heads, hands and hearts of those who have them in charge.

The training ranges from the kindergarten through high school, and from simple useful labor to work combining the skill of head and hand. An effort is made to have the children grow up in a Christian atmosphere. The Pastor, in addition to his regular work, teaches the Bible and several training courses.

Our children, all our children, are our greatest asset, and the only hope of the race; but neglected, they become our liability and our despair. This is particularly true of the children at the Orphanage. There, we open to them the door of hope and turn their young feet into safe paths.

The Orphaange, like all our institutions, is suffering from debt. This can be easily ahndled if we press the simple program followed from the beginning, a collection once a month from every Sunday school in the association, and a great thank offering, urging one day's work or one day's income.

For the next three years, while the one and a half millions are being raised for our schools, this is of utmost importance. The Orphanage cannot rely on big gifts, and it must not put on high pressure methods, hence, as never before, we make the modest School. We also urge that a club of Charity and Cihldren be taken request that a once a month collection be taken in every Sunday by every school. The paper is $1.00 per single copy, and 60 cents a copy in clubs of ten or more to one address.

In order that the Orphanage may keep in closer touch with the Sunday Schools, we recommend the appointment of an Orphanage representative by the association. This may be a man or woman whose duty it shall be to keep the management at Thomasville in touch with the schools in the association.

GUSS HOYLE.

Pending motion to adopt, report was discussed by M. A. Huffman, C. A. Abernathy, J. R. Huffman, P. M. Deal, S. L. Pruett, then adopted.

J. J. Waldrop offers the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved that this Association go on record asking each church to adopt the first Sunday in each month as Orphanage Day in all of our churches, asking each and every member to make a worthy contribution to the Orphanage on this day. Furthermore, we ask each church member to make a special offering at Thanksgiving, contributing at least the price of one day's work.

2nd. Resolved that this Association go on record asking the churches to send messengers hereafter, instructing each messenger to stay at the Association until the Association adjourns, or refuse to be a messenger.

3rd. Whereas this Association has been by our General Board asked to increase its gifts to missions to the amount of $102.47. Therfore, Be it Resolved, That this Association accept this amount, making a total of $403.50 to raise next year for missions.

Adjournment. Song, "Over There." Prayer by Rev. Lockee.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Song, "Wonderful Words." Devotional exercises by Rev. Lockee. Association called to order by Moderator. The following were elected as District Leaders of B. Y. P. U.:

For Icard District, Miss Helen Stroup, Connelly Springs, N. C., Rt. 1; Lower Fork District, Miss Verna Huffman, Connelly Springs, N. C., Rt. 2; Cleveland District, Miss Bertha Buff, Casar, N. C.

W. M. U.

The W. M. U. is still doing wonderful things for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom in the foreign fields and at home. The women in a great way are doing what Christ commanded us to do: "Go ye into all the world and preach My Gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15. The exact number made being 23,908, which is an increase of 964. This does not mean that the work is done. There is 11,483 Baptist churches without women's work. Let us, the women of the South Mountain Association, certainly get a vision of the things possible for us to accomplish and then do them. May we be gospel messengers first, spiritually and financially.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. COOK.

Discussed by Mrs. J. F. Cook, J. J. Waldrop and M. A. Huffman, then adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School in North Carolina has made much progress in the last decade. We have around 2,000 Sunday Schools, with 287,466 members, which we should not be satisfied with. We ought to enlist 50,000 more in the next 12 months, which we could easily do. We enrolled 1,627 in 1926, we ought to make it 2,500 by 1928. Let's strive for this goal. The Sunday School is the source from which the church draws its members, and the church should

look after the Sunday School closely. We kep the Orphanage before our Sunday schaal, and we should keep our mission program before our Sunday school also, and we would soon see the result.

P. M. DEAL.

Pending motion to adopt, discussed by P. M. Deal and S. L. Pruett, then adopted.

At the request of Mrs. J. F. Cook, it was decided to announce in these minutes the meeting of the Woman's Association to meet one week before the regular meeting of the Association, which will be on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1928. A public collection was taken up for printing minutes for $6.00.

OBITUARIES

There was several deaths in this Association last year:

Sister Ruth Ruff, of Pisgah.
Bro. Pink Crotts, of St. Paul.
Bro. D. D. Cook, of Olive Grove.
Sister Tennie Hoyle of Corinth.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be extended to Abec's Chapel church and its good people for the fine hospitality we have enjoyed with them.

GUSS HOYLE.

There being no further business the Association adjourned to meet at Olive Grove, three miles northeast of Casar, on Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1928.

J. R. HUFFMAN, Moderator.
M. A. HUFFMAN, Vice-Moderator.
A. A. PARKER, Clerk.

TABLE NO. 1, STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	GAINS				LOSSES				Time of Meeting	When Constituted	Value of Church Property
			Baptism	Letters	Statement	Restoration	Letters	Exclusion	Deaths	Present Membership			
Abees Chapel	W. C. Loney, Boiling Springs	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs	1	1		1		2		82	3rd		$ 1,200.00
Bethany	W. R. Bradshaw, Morganton	D. H. Page, Hildebran	8	3			4			84	3rd	1886	3,000.00
Beulah	J. J. Waldrop, Vale	W. A. Rhoney, Vale	5	1			3			36	2nd	1905	2,200.00
Connelly Springs	A. A. Lockee, Mt. Holly	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College	15	9	2		7		3	146	3rd	1900	2,500 00
Corinth	J. L. Streete	J. G. McNully, Lawndale, R. 1											
Icard	W. C. Loney, Boiling Springs	J. F. Finger, Icard	3	7	1		7			59	2d & 4th	1918	1,400.00
Mulls Chapel	C. A. Abernathy, Dallas	W. F. Mull, Vale	5				6			77	4th	1876	10,000.00
Mt. Zion	W. M. Gold	J. R. Price, Casar	5	3			3		1	110	3rd	1848	800.00
Mt. Vernon	C. M. Roberson, Catawba	E. Y. Leatherman, Vale	3	3			2		2	93	1st	1826	3,375.00
Mt. Gilead	F. C. McDaniel, Cliffside	Coy Hipp, Connelly Springs, R. 3									1st		1,000.00
Olive Grove	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	C. M. Cook, Casar, R. 1	14	1			4	2	2	107	4th	1887	1.500.00
Pisgah	J. J. Waldrop, Vale	A. A. Parker, Casar		1			4		1	105	3rd		1,500.00
Pleasant Grove	J. L Streete	S. A. Cornwell, Connelly Springs, R. 3			1	1	3	12	1	111	2nd	1876	1,000.00
St. Paul	C. H. Henderson, Charlotte	Walter Crotts, Belwood, R. 1	15	1			5	2	2	229	1st		1,800.00
Shoups Grove	B. H. Parker, Wingate	J. F. Berry, Connelly Springs	11	2	1		1			89	2nd	1894	500.00
St. John	C. A. Abernathy, Dallas	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs	4							136	2nd	1842	3,000.00
Walkers Chapel	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	J. W. Keller, Connelly Springs, R. 3	12	45	5	2	53		17		3rd	1917	800.00
Wilkies Grove	A. M. Segal, Converse, S. C.	W. A. Burns, Hildebran, R. 5	9	1			1		2	100	2d & 4th		
Zion Hill	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	W. M. Hudson, Connelly Springs	2	4				1	1	135	1st & 3rd		1,500.00
Zoar	M. A. Huffman, Connelly Springs	D. A. Houser, Connelly Springs	12	4			2		1	118	1st		1,400.00
Totals				4			4	3	1	44			38,475.00

TABLE NO. 2, FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	TREASURER AND POSTOFFICE	Pastors Salary	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. & B. Y. P. U. Expense	Local Poor	Printing Minutes, Etc.	Other Salaries	Home Total	Cooperative Program	Orphanage and Hospital	Denominational Total	Grand Total
Abees Chapel	Sadie Abee, Connelly Springs	$ 100.00		$ 64.00	$ 25.00	$ 18.76	$20.00	$ 3.00	$ 45.00	$ 275.76	$ 12.04	$ 15.81	$ 27.85	$ 303.61
Bethany	J. F. Abernathy, Hickory, R. 4	96.00	71 00	277.85	27.65	40.00		2.50		515.00	3.78	22.80	26.58	541.58
Beulah	Amer Yancey, Vale	60.40				8.93		1.00		70 33	24.00	11.75	35.75	106.08
Connelly Springs	Walter Berry, Connelly Springs	300.00	245.55	107.55	25.00	57.12	13.91	3.40	30.75	783.28	63.61	74.01	137.62	920.90
Corinth	J. G. McNestly, Lawndale	148.89	10.00					2.00		160.89				160.89
Icard	W. L. Finger, Icard	225.00	45.00		25.00	25 00	11.96	3.00	11.50	346.46	10.00	17.00	27.00	373.46
Mulls Chapel	J. B. Rhoney, Connelly Springs	130.00			25.00	24.00		1.50	20.00	200.50		16.31	16 31	216.81
Mt. Zion	C. A. Lindsay, Casar	104.04		44.00		10.00		2.50	6.00	166.54	5.00		5.00	171.54
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. Iva Jenks, Vale, R. 3	300 00	37.50	5.00	20.00	28.60		2.10	5.00	398.20	5.82	10.36	16.18	414.38
Mt. Gilead	Coy Hipps, Connelly Springs	5 00								5.00				5.00
Olive Grove	W. T. Parker, Casar	100.00				15.00	7.97	2.00		124.97				124.97
Pisgah	Zeno Parker, Casar	120.00	15.00	10.00	2.00	17.00	5.00	2.50	5.00	176.50	11.00	7.00	18.00	194.50
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, R. 3	140.00	25.00			10.00	15.00	2.25		192.25	8.50		8.50	200.75
St. John	G. Hoyle, Connelly Springs, R. 3	235.71		258 59		23.31	3.00	3.50	30.00	551.71	11.75	19.65	31.40	583.11
St. Paul	W. C. Crotts, Belwood, R. 1	229.42	25.00		26.00	22.40		1.10		306 32	33.15	17.71	50.86	357.18
Shoups Grove	O. M. Berry, Connelly Springs	168.15	3.00			13.23		5.00	22.75	212.13		32.49	32.49	244.62
Wilkies Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, R. 5	301.04	35.93			19.03		4.00	8.51	368.51	18.74	20.50	39.24	407.75
Walkers Chapel	Ramond Keller, Connelly Springs, R. 3	118.75				7.54	20.00	1 80		148.09		4.35	4.35	152.44
Zion Hill	W. E. Ledford, Connelly Springs	150.00		27.27		31.47		2.40		211.14		2.00	2.00	213.14
Zoar		70.50	10.00	65.00				5.30		150.80	4.00		4.00	154.80
Totals		$3,102.90	$522.98	$859.26	$175.65	$371.29	$96.84	$50 85	$184.51	$5,364.38	$211.39	$271.74	$483.13	$5,847.51

TABLE NO. 3, SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICE	SECRETARIES AND POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Baptism from School	Gifts to Missions, Orphanages, Etc.
Abees Chapel	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs	Sada Abee, Connelly Springs	7	76			$ 31.75
Bethany	C. Abernathy, Hickory, R. 4	J. C. Abernathy, Hickory, R. 4	10	80			
Beulah	Pink Talent, Vale	E. Bradshaw, Vale	5	47		5	11.75
Connelly Springs	G. Smith, Connelly Springs	Roy Simpson, Connelly Springs	10	117	74	15	33.86
Corinth	A. M. White, Casar	P. A. Hoyle, Casar	6	84	43		
Icard	J. J. Propst, Icard	Zennie Stamey, Icard	7	65	45	3	26.73
Mulls Chapel	H. D. Rhoney, W. Hickory	Mrs. J. F. Mull, Vale	7	70	50	5	16.31
Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay. Casar, R. 1	J. F. Logan, Casar	5	59	35	3	
Mt. Vernon	J. F. Leatherman, Vale, R. 3	E. Y. Leatherman, Vale	9	99	53	2	
Mt. Gilead							
Olive Grove	W. T. Parker, Casar	C. M. Cook, Casar, R. 1	5	65	45	6	
Pisgah	Julius Parker, Casar	Therman Morris, Casar	7	72	38		
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Chapman, Connelly Springs	Julia Carswell, Connelly Springs	7	75			
St. Paul	R C. White, Belwood	Flossie Costner, Belwood	9	94	60	8	**31.14**
Shoups Grove	D. D. Propst, Hickory	H. H. Berry, Icard	6	93		10	
St. John	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs	Katie Huffman, Connelly Springs	10	97	74	4	
Walkers Chapel	M. Huffman, Connelly Springs	Brintie Huffman, Connelly Springs	5	83		4	
Wilkies Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, R. 5	J. L. Henderson, Hickory, R. 5	9	166	86		
Zion Hill	R. W. McBee, Connelly Springs	D. F. Buff, Lawndale	9	112			31.47
Zoar	C. W. Stoney, Connelly Springs		4	65			10.89
Totals			127	1619	605	65	$193.90

MINUTES

OF THE

18th Annual Session

OF THE

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

OLIVE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 18TH AND 19TH 1928 CLEVELAND COUNTY, N. C.

J. R. HUFFMAN, Moderator

A. A. PARKER, Clerk

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD WITH SAINT PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1929

PROGRAM FOR 1929

10:00 A. M. Organizations
10:30 A. M.—Miscellaneous
10:45 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

NOON HOUR

1:00 P. M.—Devotional
1:15 P. M.—Miscellaneous.
1:30 P. M.—B. Y. P. U., Miss Helen Stroup.
2:15 P. M.—Sunday School, J. B. Epps.
2:45 P. M.—State Mission, A. A. Parker.
3:15 P. M.—Home Mission, S. A. Cornwell.
3:45 P. M.—Foreign Mission, C. A. Abernathy.
4:15 P. M.—Adjournment.

NIGHT SESSION

7:00 P. M.—Song Service.
7:15 P. M.—Temperance.
8:00 P. M.—Sermon, B. H. Parker.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 A. M.—Devotional.
9:45 A. M.—Reading of Minutes.
9:55 A. M.—Report of Committees.
10:00 A. M.—Old Minister Relief, Amos Swink.
10:30 A. M.—Biblical Recorder, U. L. Hoyle.
11:00 A. M. Orphanage, R. C. White.
11:45 A. M.—Obituraries, Pink Leatherman.
12:00—Noon.
1:00 P. M.—Devotional.
1:15 P. M.—Two minutes Report from each church.
2:00 P. M.—Woman's Work, Mrs. B. H. Parker.
2:30 P. M.—Report of Executive Committee.
2:45 P. M.—Miscellaneous.
3:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

PASTORS OF CHURCHES

B. H. Parker, Icard, N. C.
M. A. Huffman, Icard, N. C.

NOT PASTORS

Amos Swink, Connelly Springs, N. C. R. 3
J. H. Cook, Casar N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. B. Epps
D. P. Crow
J. E. Wilson
L. H. Bumgardner
S. A. Carswell.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The South Mountain Baptist Association."
2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.
3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.
4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letters from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.
5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.
6. No person shall be eligible to office in this Association who is not a member thereof.
7. Newly constiuted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.
8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be Ex- Officio Members.
9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.
10. The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be ex-officio chairman and the Clark shall be ex-officio clerk.
11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present
12. This Association shall mete annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in September.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Jane Talent, Bulah; Connelly Springs. Mr. Thomas Barker; Icard, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mt. Zion; Miss Pollie ichard, Miss Tthel Hoyle, Miss Dorcus Waters, Mt. Vernon; Mr. F. J. Leatherman, Mr. Frank Banner, Olive Grove; Mrs. Katie Spake, Pisgah; Mr. Buff, (Deacon); Pleasant Grove; Mrs. Swink, Mrs. Fannie Hudson, Tenie Smith, Shouper Grove; Mr. A. M. Stillwell, St. Paul; Mr. W. H. Bumgardner, Mr. J. H. Downs, Walker Chapel; Mr. Calvin Huff-

man, Wilkie Grove; Miss Bulah Young, Zion Hill, Mrs. Mary Sain, Miss Laura Talent.

The South Mountain Baptist Association convenned in its 18th Annual session with Olive Grove on Thursday, October 18th, 1928., 10.00 A. M.

Song—then prayer by Rev. W. S. Jones.

Then called Roll of Churches and the following delegates enrolled.

Abee's Chapel.—F. A. Louman, John Abee, S. S. Hildbron, Zeb Lowman; Bethony,—D. H. Page, T. A. Jiles, Miss Lucie Abernathy, Mrs. D. H. Page, Bulah—Pink Talent, S. L. Pruett, A. J. Yancey, J. O. Mull; Connelly Springs—J. E. Wilson, J. T. Cook, W. A. Lynch, Walter Berry; Corinth—C. F. Botts, R. B. Spake, L. A. Smith, E. F. Bridges; Icard—J. B. Epps, P. A. Berry, John Berry, Mrs. J. B. Epps.

Mulls Chapel not represented,,Mt. Zion—R. E. Newton, Samuel Proctor, R. C. Fortenbury, C. B. Lindsay,; Mt. Vernon—J. A. Burton, R. L. Hoyle, P. M. Leatherman, Mrs. M J. Hoyle, L H. Blanton; Mt. Gilead—Eddie Goins; Olive Grove—D. Spake, Johnnie Walker, Lee Parker, Bruce Scism, O. C. Cook,; Pisgah—Joseph Costner, Julius Pruett, Alonzo Canipe, Dock Hortening; Pleasant Grove—J. R. Carswell, S. S. Carswell, S. A. Carswell, Miles Carswell; St. Paul—R. C. White, J. W. Rich, C. C. Crotts, A. P. Mead, Kellie Costner, Clarence Crotts; Shouper Grove—J. T. Berry, Berthie Berry, J. E. Berry, Lizzie Stillwell, Terie Stillwell; St. John—J. R. Huffman, U. L. Hudson, Miss Charlcie Wright; Walkers Chapel—Miles Huffman, Filo Huffman, Joe Huffman, Rhodie Huffman; Wilkies Grove—J. P. Brittain, D. A. Johnson, J. L. Hudson, R. Harmon,; Zion Hill—McBuff, O. B. Bridges, W. M. Hudson; Zoar—Georgie Hildebron, Helen Stroup, Vergie Stroup, Gertie Shell.

Then elected officers as following:

J. R. HUFFMAN, Moderator,
M. A. HUFFMAN, Vice Moderator,
A. A. PARKER, Clerk.

Annual Sermon by Rev. Jas. L. Street, Subject — Acts 13-49.
Naming Gospel Mission.
Prayer by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.
Song—Stand-up for Jesus.
Chairman Recognized the following:
Brethren—Rev. W. E. Bost, Rev. W. B. Sprinkle, of Catawba River, Assistant Rev. M. D. Harris of South Fork, Assistant Miss Mary Francis Biggers, of Salisbury, N. C.
Chairman appoints the following committees:
Finonc—B. Scism, Leslie Hudson, J. B. Epps.

DIGEST OF LETTERS

J. E. Wilson, S. L. Pruett, B. H. Parker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

No one would dare to gainsay the statement that the Sunday School is taking a large place in the activities of the religious and educational world. It meets a great need in the Kingdom in the realm of Christmas Education. In the strictest sense of pure pedagogy the Sunday School is a real school. It is coming more and more to take a larger place in the activities of the religious and educational world. Since the foregoing is true we should wisely take cognizance that it behooves us as a denomination to give our attention to the fundamental importance of the work of this greatest of all organizations in our churches in reaching people and teaching them the Bible, winning them to Christ, and training them in His Service.

The present day Sunday School sets itself to the accomplishment of a threefold objective, or task.

1. Reaching the masses. Marvelous progress has been made in this field. In ten years there has been a gain of 1,081,871 in the membership of our Sunday Schools in Southern Baptist Churches. Pupils have been enrolled at the rate of 106,187 a year; 8,849 a month, 2,042 a week; 290 a day; 12 and hour; or one every five minutes. In North Carolina there are 2,358 churches with a membership of 383,242. There are 2,258 Sunday Schools with a membership of 334,233. There was a gain in Sunday School membership last year of 10,456. There are 49,009 more church members than Sunday School members. When we consider that a large part of our Sunday School membership is made of little children we realize there are many thousands of professing Christians who are not members of the Bible School. There are yet myriads of people in the South, with a fair share of them in our own State, yes. even in our own Association that have never been enlisted in th Sunday School, or won to Christ. We rejoice in what has been done, but let us not be blind to the challenge of beckoning crowds that constitute a field white unto harvest.

2. Teaching the people or making the school a real school. No longer content to move along in the old way using antiquated methods in organizing and teaching, the present day Sunday School demands the trained teacher, a definite curriculum of study, a graded and organized constituency, adequate equipment for both teacher and pupil, and oll other essentials which go to make up a real School. Good teaching is essential and necessary in reaching the objective of making the school a real school.

There are 113 Standard Schools in the State to date.

3. The up-to-date Sunday School places primary emphasis upon evangelistic teaching. To teach the Word, win the lost and train them in Christian Service is the ultimate aim in all Sunday School Work. How well this work of teaching and training has been done is attested by the number of people—1,030,693—who have been baptized in the South during the past five years. In North Carolina last year there were 18,449 baptisms. Most of these

came from the Sunday Schools. The work is important. The task is challenging.

Some things that retard progress are: (1) Lack of a definite Sunday School Program in so many churches. (2) Lack of vitalized organization. (3) Untrained teachers and executive leaders. (4) Inadequate equipment. (5) Spiritual inertia.

We urge that our churches face toward in a consecrated effort to reach the above objectives, and overcome all obstacles standing in the way of reaching the people, teaching the Word, winning the lost and utilizing them in heroic service for the King of Kings.

Your Committee suggest that this Association take definite steps at this session to organize the churches into Sunday School Association following the plan promulgated and used by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We recommend that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three or five members with instructions to call a meeting at an early date for the purpose of electing officers, grouping the churches, and performing all other duties necessary to forming a complete Sunday School Association to foster, nurse and nurture our great Sunday School Work. The Committee to be instructed also to report their action and achievements to State Sunday School Secretary, Perry Morgan, of Raleigh, who may be of assistance in furnishing literature, etc., and to this body at its next Annual Session.

Respectively submitted,

S. S. PRUETTE
J. J. WALDROP
C. A. ABERNATHY

Discussed by S. L. Pruett, M. A. Huffman, J. J. Waldrop, J. E. Wilson.

Then Adopted Song.

Then adjourned one hour for Dinner.

After Noon Session: Song.

How firm a Foundation.

Devotional Exercises by Rev. W. B. Sprinkle.

Chairman Appoints Committee as following:

Committee on place and Annual Sermon. Preachers—P. A. Berry, U. L. Hudson, C. M. Cook.

Committee to nominate an Executive Committee:—R. C. White S. A. Carswell, C. C. Crotts.

B. Y. P. U.

Discussed by Rev. C. A. Abernathy, J. E. Wilson and Miss Mary Francis Biggers, a B. Y. P. U.: leader from Salisbury, N. C.

The Association also elects Brother S. L. Pruett, later as a B. Y. P. U. President for the Association.

STATE MISSIONS

A retrospect of State Missions in North Carolina reveals to us how marvelously God has blessed Baptist people. Starting in 1830 with about 10,000 white and 5000 Negro Baptists we have grown to the number of 357,767 white and about 240,000 Negro Baptists, making over 600,000 Baptists in North Carolina, or about 48 out of

every hundred church members in the state, thus multiplying our number forty times in 97 years. In offering we have gone from $700 in 1830 for all missionary and benevolent objects to $737,-317.32 in 1926, thus multiplying our offerings more than one thousand times.

Yet marvelous as has been our growth during these years we are only just now catching a vision of the opportunities and possibilities of enlargement in the Master's kingdom. Ours is a great heritage, a great opportunity, a great challenge to evangelize, to enlist and to train the hosts of this our great and progressive state

Our State Mission work is carried on by our General Board through the direction of Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, General Secretary, giving aid to work under five departments.

1. Department of Missionary Pastoral Assistance, which is helping this year 87 missionaries serving 147 churches.
2. Department of W. M. U. with five general and three special field workers.
3. Sunday School Department with four general and eleven associational workers.
4. B. Y. P. U. Department with four general workers.
5. Department of Evangelism with one white and one Negro evangelist this year.

In addition to these are student activities with one worker each at Wake Forest, Chapel Hill, State College, Raleigh, and N. C. C. W., Greensboro. Also the Preachers School at Meredith College.

There is great need that the Lord's people rally to the support of our mission program. God has bleesed us with the means. Let us pray that he will move upon his people to bring in the tithe and the offering and fill his treasury.

Respectively submitted,
J. J. WALDROP

Discussed by W. R. Bradshaw.
Adopted

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

THE DEBT

The Board has been long depressed by debt, but during the last year substantial progress has been made towards reducing this great encumbrance. The debt on January 1, 1928, was $1,145,729.00. By May 1st it was reduced to $1,065,791.18. This shows a reduction during the period mentioned of $79,938.56. The Board has a definite plan for the reduction of the debt which is as follows:

1. Ten per cent will be taken monthly from the receipts of the Co-operative Program and applied to the debt.
2. Certain properties in the home and in the foreign lands belonging to the Board which cannot now be developed for the work of the Board will be sold.
3. Special gifts by friends for the reduction of the debt. Already substantial sums have been received for this purpose. The ap-

propriations for the present year have been made at such a low figure that the debt will not be further increased.

Thus it appears that the Board has developed a plan which will ultimately free it from debt.

ENCOURAGING PHASES OF THE WORK ABOARD

From all lands come inspiring news of gospel triumps.

A year ago the situation in China was chaotic and ominous. While the situation has not cleared altogether, reports from various sections of China indicate that opposition to Christian work is diminishing and anti-foreign and anti-Christian sentiments have abated wonderfully. One of the most cheering things is that the native Christians have stood the grilling test well, and have been true in a most gratifying way. In many, many cases the Chinese pastors have displayed heroic and effective leadership. The churches on the average have demonstrated thir faithfulness and have shown remarkable ability to take care of themselves. Many missionaries have returned to interior stations. The Board has twenty-eight main stations where missionaries reside. Missionaries have returned to the other four. Not all the missionaries have returned full-force to every station, but the fact that so many have returned is very encouraging.

One of the most heartening things of the year occurred in Roumania. On February 1, 1928, the Roumanian Government granted Baptists full liberty of teaching, and treatment on equal footing with all Roumanian citizens. The infamous persecution of our brethren in Roumania has been one of the great scandals of modern times. The shame of it spread throughout the world. The widely flung Baptist brotherhood was aroused, and in turn it made its indignation felt. The signatures of protesting Baptists poured in from all corners of the earth It was necessary to count the number of signatures that reached the office of our Baptist Commissioner for urope. The number may be imagined by the fact that if the sheets of foolscap paper on which these signatures were written were placed end to end, they would stretch a mile and a quarter. It might also be added that in many cases the signatures are those of officials of representative bodies and express decision taken on behalf of very larg groups.

Our mission in Africa has grown remarkably during the last few years. It now ranks third in the number of members of our churches. Last year it stood third in the number of baptisms. The two phases of the situation that command our interest especially are: the great movement toward Christianity bordering on the nature of a mass movement in certain sections of the country, and the inspiring way in which our native Baptist churches are putting forth efforts to evangelize their own people. We have seldom faced opportunities of greater promise of widsepread response to the gospel, nor have we seen in any of our native churches. The whole of our Baptist brotherhood in Nigeria is co-operating beautifully in the Nigerian Baptist Convention, which is a very worthy and effective body.

We would call attention to the tremendous evangelizing oppor-

tunity presented in the Latin American lands to the south of us. The remarkable ripeness of these fields is illustrated by the marvelous response to the messages of Dr. John R. Sampey, who has made two preaching tours in Brazil. In spite of the fact that he nad to speak through an interpreter, very large numbers accepted Christ as their Saviour. That a revival is on in Brazil is manifested further by the fact that 2,925 baptisms were reported in that country last year.

The Latins not only respond to the gospel readily, but they support it well. The church Building Loan Board in our South Brazil Mission has helped 33 churches erect their buildings, and is now aiding 53 more. Our board has never spent$50,000.00 to better advantage than when it gave this sum to the South Brazil Church Building Loan Board. There are 81 churches in the State of Rio, 72 of which are self-supporting.

THE STORY IN FIGURES

There are connected with our work abroad 1,275 churches, 675 of which (more than half) are self-supporting, and 959 of which own their own housesof worship. Their grand total of membership reaches 146,072. They gave last year an average of $3.30 per member

That the constituency is much larger than the membership is shown by several facts. There are more than twice as many outstations (2,861) as there are churches. In these, multitudes hear the gospel. There were in our 1,538 Sunday schools 75,118 scholars, and in our 587 regular schools there were 26,244 students. Our missionary physicians treated 48,464 patients. These great numbers who are brought into contact with the gospel through the means here described, constitute a vast and sympathetic audience to the evangel of our gospel message.

There were 12,542 baptisms last year. Undoubtedly the number actually baptized was larger than this, but on account of disturbed conditions in several fields it was not possible to gather full reports. Even so, the number reported baptized was 457 more than the number reported the previous year.

For all these evidences of Divine blessing upon our work, we thank God and take courage.

J. B. RHONEY

TEMPERANCE

Intemperance cut sdown youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the mother, extinguishes natural affection, destroys love, blots out filial attachment, blights paternal hope, and brings premature age in sorrow and dishonor to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength, sickness not health, death not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, and all papers. It feeds rheumatism nurses gouts, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports pestilence, engenders consumption, and covers the land with idleness, misery and crime. It crowds our penitentiaries and furnishes victims for the scaffold.

Alcohol burns up men, consumes women, destroys life, curses

God, and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perfidy, defiles the jury-box and stains the judicial ermine. It bribes voters, disqualifies voters, corrups elections, pollutes our institutions. And endangers our government. It degrades the citizen debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman, and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair, not hope, misery, not happiness; and it destroys peace, ruins morals, wipes out national honor, curses the world, and laughs at the ruin it has brought. It does that, and more—it murders the soul. It is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crime, the mother of all abominations, the devils best friend, and God's worst enemy

And yet we have a man running for the Presidency of this Proud Republic who says he believes the sovereign states ought to be permitted to place the stamp of respectability and legality on and engage in the manufacture and sale of this monumental demon of the age.

Respectively submitted,

S. A. Carswell

Discussed by M. I. Harris, M. A. Huffman, W. R. Bradshaw, J. E. Wilson Adopted.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Place and Annual Sermon., Preacher., Recommend St. Paul our next meeting place at the time specified in the Constitution on Thursday, October the 17th 1929 and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw to preach the Annaul Sermon.

We your Committees to nominate an Executive Committee.

Recommend the following Brethren,—J. B. Epps, J. E. Wilson, D. P. Crow, L. H. Bumgardner, S. A. Carswell. Those Brethren Was elected. We your committee recommend — Walkers Chapel the place and 3rd Sunday eve in November the time to organize an Associational Sunday School.

B. H. Parker, J. B. Epps, O. M Bridges.

Then song and Dismission

NIGHT SESSION

Old time Singing.

Prayer by S. L. Pruett.

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF

Report not in

Discussed by J. J. Waldrop and M. A. Huffman.

Deferred until later time.

Song Pisgah.

Dismissed by M. A. Huffman.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional Exercises by Brother Otis Cook.

Song Every Day and Hour.

On Motion and vote the Moderator, appoints a program committee as follows--B. H. Parker, J. J. Waldrop, S. L. Pruett.

ORPHANAGE

This resembles a report on a home, only it is many times mullied.

The last annual report gave 618 children present; of these 117 were at the Kennedy Home. With 68 mothers there were aided 282 children, making in all 900 children cared for.

On account of shortage of funds fewer were cared for by mother's aid than a year ago.

Some six or eight hundred were turned away for lack of room, and no more could be helped by mother's aid for lack of funds.

For 43 years this stream of children has been coming in and passing on out into life with added preparation for the struggle there. That they be fitted and fortified for real living is the matter of chief concern. Our infirmary with a trained nurse and skilled physicians, who come at a moment's call, look after the health; our housekeeping, farm, dairy, printing office and other forms of industry, give skill to their hands, a standard school looks after their minds; and the religious life led by E. N. Gardner, also a teacher of the Bible, is not neglected.

There is a painful discrepancy between the number of pressing applications for help and the contributions coming in. So far we are not as badly in debt as we were a year ago at this time, but contributions are far below our expenditures.

Again every Baptist Sunday School is asked to make a contribution once a month. In some schools single classes support a child. Remember the Thanksgiving offering measured by one day's work or income as an expression of gratitude and thus enable the Orphanage to do its work. We would encourage a club of Charity and Chiildren in every school, 60 cents a copy in clubs of ten or more to one address. It is one dollar to a single subscriber. We ask that a special Orphanage representative be appointed to aid the institution in keeping in touch with the Sunday school.

Jas. R. Huffman

RESOLUTION

In view of the necessity of our people being awakened to the importance of supporting the Orphanage, and view of the great need of more room at the Orphanage to take care of these who have to be turned away we keenly feel the necessity of our Association adopting certain measures which we beliv will hlp greatly in solving these problems.

Therefore be it Resolved: That this Association assume the obligation of defraying the expenses of the one whom it appoints to write the next report on Orphanage to make a trip personally to the Orphanage and investigate thoroughly the condition and standing of our Orphanage and incorporate his finding in his report to the next session of this Association.

2. That this Association consider new, and appoint a committee to make arrangements to run an Excursion train to Thomasville Orphanage early next spring for the express purpose of

carrying all of Sunday Schools who will go.

Respectively submitted,

S. L. Pruett

J. J. Waldrop

Adopted

Discussed by J. R. Huffman, S. L. Pruett, M. A. Huffman, J. J. Waldrop. Adopted.

OBITUARIES

Report not in.

Called for two minutes. Report from each church and twelve churches reported.

Dismissed by Amos Swink for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song Happy Day.

Devotional by Bro. Cook of St. Paul.

Woman's Work Report absent called for discussion.

Discussed by S. L. Pruett, C. A. Abernathy, J. J. Waldrop, W. E. Bost, M. A. Huffman.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith ninety-two years ago. Since then it has served as organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our young people. It is set for the constructive effort of our people in obeying the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to all the world. It is published in the interest of our Baptist work and at the expense of the stockholders—for the past six years the paper has been a liability. The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the certain reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset, and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friends.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. the future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general, to our people. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist intepretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievements among our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and laymen's work so that the reader may be informed as to the best method of doing our work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad and so informs the reader of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiritual and intellctual needs in every young church member. It seeks to present high ideals for our young people, real help to the developing of character—which will react for good in the future live of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of pure literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate the readers

to render unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum.

Respectively submitted,

W. A. Burns

BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND RESOLUTION

In view of the necessity of our people being awakened to the importance of supporting our Baptist Hospital which is at Winston-Salem. Heretofore there has been little or nothing said about this worthy institution.

Be it resolved therefore, that a committee of one or more be appointed to investigate our hospital and make a report to this body at its next regular meeting.

Respectively submitted,

M. A. Huffman and S. L. Pruette, adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the delegates of this Association desire to express our hearty thanks to this church by a rising vote for their fine entertainment while in their midst.

Respectively submitted,

C. A. Abernathy

Moved and passed to adjorun

Dismissed by M. A. Huffman.

Table No. 1 Church Membership

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Members Report Last year	Gain				Loss				Present Membership	Revival Meetings	Lord's Supper	Rec. Paper
			Baptisms.	Letters.	Statements.	Restorations.	Letters.	Exclusions.	Erasures.	Deaths.				
Abees Chapel	J. J. Waldrop, Vale	74	3				1			1	77	1		
Bethany	W. R. Bradshaw, Morganton	77	18	4		2	4			1	97	1		
Beulah	J. J. Waldrop, Vale	36	2		1				1	2	39	1		
Connelly Springs	A A. Lockee, Mt. Holly	125	6	5			3	1	15		126	1		
Corinth	J. L. Streete	84	21	1		3				1	109	1	2	
Icard	C. A. Abernathy,	59	9	5			1			3	73		1	
Mt. Zion	W. M. Gold	110	8	8			1			2	121	1		
Mt. Vernon	C. M. Roberson, Vale, R-3	93	6				3				94	1	1	
Mt. Gilead	W. S. Jones, Lattimore		10									1		
Mulls Chapel		107	7	1	2		1			1	117	1	1	
Olive Grove	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	50	4				4		40	1	50	1		2
Pisgah	J. J. Waldrop Vale	11	3		1					2	113	1	2	2
Pleasant Grove	J. L Streete	136	15				2	4		1	144	1	1	2
St. John	C. A. Abernathy.	89	8	4	1		4			1	97	1		
Shoups Grove	B. H. Parker,		10	5			7	1		2	242	1		
St. Paul	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore		2							1	52	1	4	
Walkers Chapel	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore		7	6				2		1	132	1	1	
Wilkies Grove	J. L. Streete		9	1	1		2			2	125	1	1	
Zion Hill	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore		10	3			2				59	1	1	
Zoar	M. A. Huffman, (													

Table No. 2 Sunday School

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICE	S. S. Enrollment								Special Information			
		Officers and Tea	Beginners 3-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediate 13-	Young People 17-	Adults 25 Years	Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	Average Attend	Baptisms From S	Gifts to Local Churches	Gifts to Missions, Orphanages, etc.
Abees Chapel	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs	7	13	8	8	15		13		64		3		7.85
Bethany		7	10	8	15	10	20	11		75				
Beulah	Pink Talent, Vale	5								45		2		
Connelly Springs	G. Smith, Connelly Springs	15	14	15	12	18	17	24		115	54	4	65.87	20.00
Corinth	J. G. McNestly, Lawndale	7								114	58	10	11.95	3.45
Icard	J. B. Eppes, Icard	8		15	10	15	19	15		74	60	7	43.58	11.02
Mt. Zion	R. C. Fortenbury, Casar	5								48	30	3	10.00	
Mt. Vernon	J. O. Burton, Vale	8	13	9	14	14	12	12		82	53	5	23.68	26.71
Mt. Gilead														
Mulls Chapel														
Olive Grove	W. T. Parker, Casar	6								72	40			
Pisgah	Julius Parker, Casar	7	20							60	35	4	12.00	
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Chapman, Connelly Springs	6								60	35	4	12.00	
St. John	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs	11		26	20	19	12	18		106	50	13	26.81	15.09
Shoups Grove	G. Spegal, Hildebrand	7			13	23		32		95	50	3	29.70	10.00
St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood	8								102	54	2		32.84
Walkers Chapel	M. Huffman, Connelly Springs	4								75	45	2		4.50
Wilkies Grove	M. A. Burns, Hickory, R. 5	9								159	73	7	41.75	12.25
Zion Hill	Lydia Crow, Lawndale	9	14	18	16	20	23	40	7	138			51.00	2.87
Zoar	O. M. Stroup, Connelly Springs	6								52	45	10	15.28	4.50

Table No. 3

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Cooperative Program	Orphanage.	Schools and Colleges	Totals Missionary and Education	Pastors Salary	Ministerial Help and Supplies	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literative For S. S. and B. Y. P. U and W. M. S.	Help Given To Local Poor	Minutes Etc	Other Objects	Total Local Church Work	Grand Totals
Abees Chapel	D. A. Houser, Connelly Springs	7.80			7.80	100.00		120.00		5.50	15.00	3.00	15.00	258.50	267.20
Bethany	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs	5.51	33.08		38.59	96.00	46.60	152.76	12.00	36.00		3.00		346.36	384.95
Beulah	D. H. Page, Hildebran	7.00			7.00	62.20		60.		8.82		1.00		132.02	139.02
Connelly Springs	W. A. Rhoney, Vale	56.87			56.87	300.00		.		58.78		5.00		363.78	420.65
Corinth	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford	2.75	2.67		5.42	89.50		29.70				3.00		122.20	127.62
Icard	J. G. McNully,		11.02	15.00	26.02	217.00	27.00		15.75	19.32	75.00	3.00		357.07	383.09
Mt. Zion	J. B Stamey, Icard	5.00			5.00	100.00	25.25			10.00		2.40		137.65	142.65
Mt. Vernon	J. R. Price, Casar	8.50	26.71		35.21	300.00	42.62			16.00		3.00		361.65	396.86
Mt. Gilead	E. Y. Leatherman, Vale					10.00						1.00		11.00	11.00
Mulls Chapel	Coy Hipp, Connelly Springs,											1.80		1.80	1.80
Olive Grove			2.90		2.90	131.45	2.46	12.00		11.00	2.00	2.60		161.51	164.41
Pisgah	C. M. Cook, Casar, R. 1	11.00	3.25	18.00	32.25	152.42		75.00	3.00	12.00		3.00		245.42	277.67
Pleasant Grove	A. A. Parker, Casar					115.00	30.00		8.00	10.00	10.00	2.25	5.00	180.25	180.25
St. John	S. A. Cornwell, Connelly Springs	16.42	11.96	35.00	63.38	201.57	56 00		10.00	26.81		2.50		296.88	360.26
St. Paul	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs		21.00	8.00	29 00	218.12	36.35	50.00		15.65		5.00		325.12	354.12
Shoups Grove	J. F. Berry, Connelly Springs	27.25	7.57		34.82	281.55		383.65		15.00	7.50	4.80		692.50	727.32
Walkers Chapel	R. A Newton, Belwood			20.50	20.50	140.08				4.44	7.71	1.80		154.03	174.53
Wilkies Grove	J. W. Keller, Connelly Springs,	14.87	12.23		27.10	289.60	28.66			41.75		5.00		365.01	392.11
Zion Hill	W. A. Burns, Hickory, R. 5	2 78			2.78	136.50	37.00	15 00		51.00		3.00		242.50	245.28
Zoar	W. M. Hudson, Connelly Springs	2.50	2.00		4.50	121.20	16.00			4.44	7.71	1.80		154.03	174.53
Totals		$164.30	$139.24	$96.50	$400.04	$3,062.19	$347.97	$898.11	$48.75	$350.98	$6117.21	$757.55	$20.00	$4902.76	$5302.80

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PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 20th Annual Session with the Connelly Springs Baptist Church on October 16th, 1930. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. M. Robinson, after which Vice-Moderator John R. Rich called the roll of churches and the following delegates were enrolled:

Abee's Chapel: John Abee, Martha Abee and Ales Stamey.
Bethany: J. E. Burgin, J. C. Abernethy and D. H. Page.
Beulah: Names of delegates not on letter.
Connelly Springs: J. F. Cook, J. L. Smith, W. A. Lynch, M. C. Smith and J. E. Wilson.
Corinth: J. L. Newton, A. G. McNeely and Maggie McNeely.
Icard: J. F. Finger, J. W. Wilson, J. B. Epps and M. A. Huffman.
Mt. Zion: R. C. Fortenberry, R. C. Price, R. E. Newton and C. C. Wall.
Mt. Vernon: L. H. Blanton, P. M. Leatherman, Geo. Shull, J. A. Burton and E. Y. Leatherman.
Mt. Gilead: Not represented.
Mull's Chapel: A. C. Peeler, W. F. Mull and Mrs. W. F. Mull.
Pisgah: Caleb Costner, Hester Costner, Vinie Brackett and Pauline Mace.
Olive Grove: By letter.
Pleasant Grove: S. A. Carswell, M. A. Buff and J. R. Carswell.
St. Paul: J. W. Rich, R. C. White, Everett Towery and L. H. Bumgartner.
Shoup's Grove: H. H. Berry, D. D. Propst, J. J. Berry and Emma Propst.
St. John's: J. R. Huffman.
Wilkie's Grove: J. L. Hudson, W. J. Burns, J. P. Brittain, Essie Young and Beulah Hudson.
Walker's Chapel: Scott Huffman, Mrs. Scott Huffman and Mackie Huffman.
Zion Hill: Wm. Hudson, D. F. Buff, R. C. Costner and M. C. Buff.
Zoar: D. A. Havener, Mrs. Ernest Stroup and Mrs. H. C. Taylor.

The Association then organized by electing J. E. Wilson, Moderator; H. L. Bumgartner, Vice-Moderator; P. M. Deal, Clerk; and R. C. White, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Finance: P. M. Leatherman and J. L. Smith.
Committee on Place of Next Meeting and Preacher to Preach Annual Sermon: J. J. Waldrop, S. L. Pruett and S. S. Carswell.
Committee to Nominate Executive Committee: C. M. Bumgartner, J. B. Epps and J. J. Waldrop.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, and the introductory sermon preached by Rev. M. A. Huffman.

Text: Luke 14:1. The chair then recognized Rev. B. K. Mason, representing the Biblical Recorder, and Revs. W. L. Scott and J. B. Hornbuckle, of the Methodist Church. Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional by Rev. A. P. Bumgartner. Body called to order by the Moderator. The following visitors were welcomed: W. C. Bost and W. B. Sprinkle, of the Catawba River Association; A. P. Bumgarner and D. C. Wesson, from Gaston Association; Miss Lucy Brown and H. M. Randle, from the South Mountain Industrial Institute; and R. G. Short, M. I. Harris, S. A. Stroup and W. C. Laney, from South Fork.

Committee on Place of Meeting and Preacher for next session appointed Zion Hill the place, and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw to preach the introductory sermon, with C. M. Robinson as alternate.

Rev. B. K. Mason was given ten minutes to speak in behalf of the Biblical Recorder and Miss Lucy Brown the same time for South Mountain Institute.

The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by S. L. Pruett:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The first part of the nineteenth century was marked by the Sunday School movement and the development thereof in America. This was followed in 1851 by the organization of the first Y. M. C. A. in the United States. Many other efforts in behalf of young people were also being made outside of the churches. The churches would not have much to do with Young People's organizations because these organizations made use of the social and playing instincts and it was thought that all fun was of the devil, but very soon many pastors began to see that the young people were being lost from the churches. So the period from 1848 to 1881 marked many spasmodic efforts to organize and hold the young people. These were mostly young people's prayer meetings. They were usually organized immediately after a revival, and died as soon as the enthusiasm of the revival waned. During all these years there was no great unified effort in the churches to carry on distinctive young people's work.

B. Y. P. U. of America—1890.

During the eighties many Baptist pastors and leaders had reached the conclusion that the Baptist denomination should foster its own training work for young Christians. In 1890 in connection with the Baptist anniversary in Chicago the B. Y. P. U. A. was organized, taking in the United States and Canada. Its first convention was held in Chicago in 1891. Many States also began to organize B. Y. P. U. conventions. Inter-denominational lesson

topics were used in the B. Y. P. U. A. but Baptist wrote the exposition of these topics.

B. Y. P. U. Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention in 1896.

Baptist leaders in the South were not satisfied with the arrangements. They felt that Baptist writers should produce our training literature and plan our form of organization and activities. Denominational and church loyalty and spiritual development were paramount needs. It was felt that these needs could better be met if Southern Baptist Convention would project the program of young people's work. The movement was held back for some time, but in 1896 an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Atlanta and headquarters established in Birmingham, Ala. Its aim was training in church membership.

In view of all the struggles the work of the young people has had through all the years, we would stress in as forcible a way as possible the importance of each and every pastor in this Association and every Christian worker getting behind the B. Y. P. U. work and push it to the full extent of their ability.

The B. Y. P. U. is the training service of the church. If the church fails to train leaders in this generation, many generations to come will reap the consequence.

In conclusion, let me say that the church that is satisfied to drag along with leadership that won't lead in the right direction is doomed to everlasting failure so far as the kingdom of progressiveness is concerned.

Respectfully submitted,
S. L. PRUETTE.

Pending motion to adopt, was discussed by S. L. Pruett and J. J. Waldrop. Report was adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. J. Waldrop and discussed by C. M. Robinson, and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Two years ago this body authorized the organization of the Sunday School Association, and appointed a committee on time and place. The committee's report named Walker's Chapel as the place and the third Sunday in November, at 2:30, as the time. A large delegation from the various churches assembled on the above date and effected the proposed organization. Brother Page, from the Kings Mountain Association, was the special organizer.

Since that time it has been one continuous struggle with much opposition. We hereby beseach every child of God who is interested in better Sunday Schools to pray mightily to Almighty God to remove every hindering cause of the way of the progress of the Sunday School work in the South Mountain Association, and to send forth willing workers into the harvest field which is so rapidly going to wasted for lack of reapers.

During the past year there has been eleven monthly meetings held. Out of the twenty churches in the Association we have had reports from fourteen. Six churches have refused to co-operate in any way, notwithstanding the many entreaties. It is encouraging, however, to note that not a single church has refused to cooperate with the movement where the pastor is in favor of better Sunday Schools. There has been upwards of two thou-

sand pieces of literature distributed throughout the Association during the year.

Group Meetings.

Icard District:

Lower Fork District:

Cleveland District No. 1: R. C. White, superintendent. Held four group meetings during the year.

Cleveland District No. 2: S. L. Puett, superintendent. Held two group meetings during the year.

We have set as our goal for 1930 a Standard Sunday School in every church in our Association. We earnestly solicit the co-operation of every church and Sunday School in the Association in this great undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WALDROP.

The report on Temperance was read by C. M. Bumgardner. This was a lengthy and most excellent report, but was too lengthy to publish. He carried it home to condense and has not yet returned the paper; hence this explanation. The report was discussed by W. R. Bradshaw in one of his most earnest and powerful appeals to the people to stand for the cause of temperance and to uphold our prohibition laws. The report was adopted.

The Association then adjourned until 7:30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session was called to order by the chair at 7:30. Devotional conducted by Dr. B. K. Mason.

STATE MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Report on State Missions was read by Miss Ethel Berry:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

North Carolina Baptists are this year completing one hundred years of organized effort. At the very beginning our fathers made plans for evangelizing North Carolina. If the record of these one hundred years were examined, it would be found that many of our strong and generous churches in the leading towns and centers of the state, were organized and planted through the sacrifical labors of faithful State missionaries.

Sometimes we hear the idea advanced that soon we will have finished the job of State Missions and that all the needy and promising fields will be occupied. But with the ever-changing conditions and the rapid growth of the state in industrialism, in good roads, in public education, in the rapid shift of the population from the country to the town and city, there comes with every new generation new opportunities and new responsibilities for evangelizing and saving our own people.

In the percentage division of our Co-operative funds, State Missions received twenty cents out of the dollar. In addition to

this, all funds given through the Sunday Schools on State Mission Day, the last Sunday in October, goes to State Missions as an extra amount.

This year there are eighty-four missionaries in the employ of the Board, serving about one hundred and fifty churches. The Board is caring for the Sunday School, W. M. U., B. Y. P. U. and Student Work. This year we took the Indian Work among the Indians in Robeson County and the Cherokee Work in Swain County.

C. A. ABERNETHY.

On motion to adopt the two subjects were ably discussed by Dr. C. T. Pittman of First Baptist Church of Hickory. Report adopted.

Association adjourned until Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Moderator called the Association to order at 10:30 o'clock. Devotional conducted by Rev. R. G. Short, of Hickory. Minutes of the previous day were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. Mr. McMillan, representative of Mills Home, was recognized and the following visitors welcomed: Hon. E. M. Hairfield, Moderator Catawba River Association; Hon. W. T. Morgan and Rev. O. Mangum, Moderator Blue Ridge Association; and Rev. J. M. Lowder, of the Methodist. From the Caldwell Association were Revs. H. S. Benfield, J. Watts, E. C. Hodges, John Miller and John Setzer.

Chair appointed C. A. Abernethy, M. A. Huffman and J. J. Waldrop on the Committee on Order of Business for next year. The committee submitted same order used this year. Same was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was prepared by our blind brother, Rev. M. A. Huffman, and read by C. A. Abernethy:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The blessings of God have been upon our work in foreign lands. While there have been many difficulties, yet through the help of the Lord there have been many encouragements.

Good progress has been made towards the further reduction of the debt which has burdened the board. The debt was reduced $187,423.56 during the year closing May 1st, 1930.

On the foreign field there are 1407 churches with a membership of 161,059. The native contributions amounted to $427,820.12.

In Africa there were thirty requests for the eight graduates

from the Theological Training School last June.

In Argentina there are 59 churches with a membership of 4059 members. These churches gave last year a total of $41,083.00. There were 380 baptisms.

Although China is war stricken much has been done towards evangelization of that country.

Mexico: The seminary at Monterey had 14 students — three in the graduating class.

In Spain the Spanish Baptist convention was organized at Barcelona. The Spanish Baptists are beginning to realize their responsibility toward evangelizing their own country. They had 107 baptisms.

Let us remember the board both in our prayers and our finances.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUFFMAN.

Discussed by M. A. Huffman and C. A. Abernethy. Adopted.

Next in order was the report on Mills Home:

REPORT ON MILLS HOME.

I visited the Mills Home on September 25, 1930.

This home was organized in 1884—45 years ago—with 150 children.

At present there are 500 at the Mills Home; and at the Kennedy Home 135; aiding in private homes 270, making a total of 905.

We have there 450 acres of land with 200 acres in cultivation; 50 cows; nine mules and horses and from 1500 to 2000 chickens.

We have a lot of good buildings. We visited several of the dormitories,. and found all in a perfect sanitary condition. The children are in good health.

Visited Mrs. L. M. Bannister who has charge of 24 children from 1½ years up to 5 years old. They also looked to be in good health. We have a wonderful institution. We were wonderfully exalted with the way in which this institution is being kept, but while this is the case it takes a lot of help to do or oversee this great work. It requires a lot of money to keep everything in working order. We find the institution $40,000 in debt now and many children begging for entrance, and we have no room for them at present.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. BUMGARDNER.

Report was discussed by the writer who had gone to Mills Home and looked over the institution, and Dr. McMillan, and was one of the best presentations of our Orphans' Home we ever heard. Report was adopted.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reconvened at 1:00. Devotional by Rev. O. Mangum. Called to order by chair.

On motion J. J. Waldrop was reappointed Sunday

School Conventional Superintendent for the Association for next year and S. L. Pruett Conventional Superintendent for B. Y. P. U. for another year.

Report of Home Missions was read by J. J. Waldrop:

HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions might be defined as that group of missionary and Evangelistic tasks which, either because of their nature or their size and difficulty, can best be done by a Southwide agency.

The Home Mission Board is the Southwide agency through which Southern Baptists are doing their Home Mission work. The field of operation for this Board is the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, the four Western Provinces of Cuba and the Canal Zone.

The work is divided into the following departments: Direct and Independent Missions, including work among the Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, and City Mission work, with Dr. J. W. Beagle as Superintendent; Mountain Missions and Schools including evangelism, industrial centers and mountain schools, with Dr. J. W. O'Hara as Superintendent; Mission work in Cuba with Dr. M. N. McCall as Superintendent; Mission work in Panama, Canal Zone, with Stephen Witt as Superintendent; Missions to the Jews, with Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus as Missionary; Mission Study with Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence as Director; W. M. U. Field work with Miss Emma Leachman as Field Worker; Church Building Loan Department with the Executive Secretary as Superintendent, and Rev. Geo. F. Austin as Field Representative.

The work for the ensuing year was laid out as instructed by the Convention on the basis of the cash receipts of the previous year. These receipts were $407,357.58 on the Cooperative Program and $32,397.18 supplemental receipts, making a total of $439,754.76.

The Board set aside $250,000 to be paid on interest and principal of the debt. This necessitated some reduction in Mission work, but by combining forces and consolidating mission stations, the Board is able to hold all of its fields intact, though with reducedpersonnel.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McDANIELS.

Discussed by H. S. Benfield. Report adopted.

Committee to nominate executive committee submitted the following names: S. L. Pruett, R. C. White, D. P. Crow, Guy Smith, J. E. Burton, Philo Huffman, Julius Parker. On motion all of the above were elected.

PROGRAM FOR 1931 AND NAMES OF REPORT WRITERS

THURSDAY

10:00 A. M.—Enrollment of delegates and organization
11:15 A. M.—Annual sermon.....W. R. Bradshaw
12:00 M.—Miscellaneous.
12:15 P. M.—Noon

1:15 P. M.—Periodicals.....L. H. Bumgardner
1:30 P. M.—Christian Education.....M. A. Huffman
2:30 P. M.—B. Y. P. U.....C M. Bumgardner
4:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous

FRIDAY

9:00 A. M.—Devotional
9:30 A. M.—Foreign Missions.....C. A. Abernethy
10:15 A. M.—Mills Home.....S. L. Pruett
11:00 A. M.—State Missions.....J. J. Waldrop
12:00 M.—Noon
1:15 P. M.—Sunday Schools.....P. M. Deal
2:00 P. M.—Home Missions.....J. R. Huffman
2:30 P. M.—W. M. U.....Mamie Parker
3:30 P. M.—Obituaries.....J. B. Epps

OBITUARIES

W. A. Lynch on Obituaries reported that the church letters show that during the year eleven members have died.

M. A. Huffman offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved: That the Association offer to the church of Connelly Springs a rising vote of thanks for their kindness to us during these days of meeting.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Zion Hill Church, 1931.

Prayer by H. S. Benfield.

SUPPLEMENT

As no Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Session of the Association were printed because of the insufficient amount of funds sent in by the churches, the funds from last year were used to supplement this year's funds, and a condensed statement of last year's session is hereby given:

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association met with St. Paul's Church in Cleveland County on October 17-18, 1929.

Organized by electing Noah Pruett, Moderator; J. W. Rich, Vice-Moderator; J. J. Waldrop, Clerk; R. C. White,

At this session all of the churches were presented. The Minutes show the amount contributed for Missions, Education and Benevolences was $541.52. Amount for all local causes was $6185.69. Number of baptisms 224. Total church membership 2 003. Number in Sunday Schools 1813.

Adjourned to meet with the Connelly Springs Baptist Church on October 16-17, 1930.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called **"The South Mountain Baptist Association."**
2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.
3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.
4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.
5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.
6. No person shall be eligible to office in this Association who is not a member thereof.
7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.
8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.
9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.
10. The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.
11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.
12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

PASTORS AND POST OFFICES

1930

Churches	Pastors	Post Offices
Abee's Chapel	C. A. Abernethy	Connelly Springs, N. C.
Bethany	W. R. Bradshaw	Morganton, N. C.
Beulah	J. J. Waldrop	Vale, N. C.
Connelly Springs	A. A. Locke	Mt. Holly, N. C.
Corinth	J. L. Street	Connelly Springs, N. C.
Icard	C. A. Abernethy	Icard, N. C.
Mt. Zion	Otis Cook	Lawndale, N. C.
Mt. Vernon	C. M. Robinson	Catawba, N. C.
Mt. Gilead		
Mull's Chapel	J. J. Waldrop	Vale, N. C.
Olive Grove		
Pisgah	J. J. Waldrop	Vale, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	J. L. Street	Hickory, N. C., R.-1
St. John's	J. G. Benfield	Morganton, N. C.
Shoup's Grove	E. L. McDaniel	Lattimore, N. C.
St. Paul	E. L. McDaniel	Lattimore, N. C.
Walker's Grove	E. L. McDaniel	Lattimore, N. C.
Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Street	Hickory, N. C.
Zion Hill	G. C. Ivey	Gastonia, N. C.
Zoar	M. A. Huffman	Connelly Springs, N. C.

SUMMARY TABLE—Statistics of South Mountain Baptist Ass'n, State of North Carolina

For Year Ending September 30, 1930

Moderator—J. E. WILSON, Rutherford College, N. C.

Clerk—P. M. DEAL, Connelly Springs, N. C.

CHURCHES	When Constituted	City (C), Town (T), Village (V) or Country Church (O)	Regular Days of Meeting	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Total Number B.Y.P.U.'s	Total Enrolled in B.Y.P.U.'s	Total Women's Contributions all Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary	Gifts to Cooperative Program	Total for all Missions Including Cooperative Program and 'Specials' or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphans Home, etc.	Value of Church Houses and Grounds
1—Abee's Chapel	1886	O	2&4	8	87	1			1	64				$150.00	$ 243.15	$19.13	$ 15.65	$2,000
2—Bethany		V	3	11	120	2	2	8		103	1			126.77	548.10		39.07	4,000
3—Beulah	1905	O	1	4	32	1			1	51			12.00	71.00	224.72			1,000
4—Connelly Springs		V	3	10	127	1	1		1	127	1	26		300.00	493.38		116.88	2,500
5—Corinth		O	1&3	4	115	1	2		1	100			14.25	114.40	151.20			750
6—Icard	1918	V	2&4	9	74	1		1	1		1	32		108 67	263.95		10.16	1,400
7—Mt. Zion	1890	O	3	15	147	1	2	1	1	115				100.00	178.29		29 22	800
8—Mt. Vernon		O	1	12	146	1	1	5	1	119				300.00	392.55		16.12	3,500
9—Mt. Gilead																		
10—Mull's Chapel	1924	O	2&4	7	81	1	1	2	1	60			10.41	100.20	260.00	5.15	10.65	9,000
11—Olive Grove	1882	O	2&4	5	136	1			1	67				110.00	173.59			16.00
12—Pisgah	1856	O	3	8	69	1	2	1	1	180				200.00	509.43		13.26	1,200
13—Pleasant Grove	1876	O	2	11		1	2		1	76				113.51	147.91			1,000
14—St. John's	1842	O	2&4	5	147	1	1	1	1	98				120.00	188.37	24.75	35.82	3,000
15—Shoup's Grove	1895	O	1	18	147	1	1		1	138				159.36	213.96		52.41	1,000
16—St. Paul	1869	O	2&4	16	293	1		4	1	146				181.30	791.40		13.40	800
17—Walker's Chapel		O	1&3	5	72	1	2		1	59				94.08	200.17		5.30	1,000
18—Wilkie's Grove	1895	O	2&4	29	165	2	3		1	197				319.18	406.00	19.80	46.60	2,000
19—Zion Hill		O	1	10	134	1			1	110				150.00	200.00		7.00	1,000
20—Zoar		O	2&4	1	52										1500.00			3,000
Totals - - -				188	2154					1810					$7226.08		$296.76	

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Churches	Clerks	Post Office	Supt. Sunday Schools	Post Office
1—Abee's Chapel	F. A. Lowman	Connelly Springs, N. C.	Lester Lowman	Connelly Springs, N. C.
2—Bethany	D. H. Page	Hildebrand, N. C.	Carl Abernethy	Hildebrand, N. C.
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney	Vale, N. C.	Pinkney Tallent	Vale, N. C.
4—Connelly Springs	J. E. Wilson	Rutherford College, N. C.	W. A. Lynch	R-2, Connelly Springs, N. C.
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely	Lawndale, N. C.	J. G. McNeely	R-1, Lawndale, N. C.
6—Icard	J. L. Brindle	Icard, N. C.	J. B. Ebbs	Icard, N. C.
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price	Casar, N. C.	R. E. Newton	R-1, Casar, N. C.
8—Mt. Vernon	E. Y. Leatherman	Vale, N. C.	J. A. Burton	R-3, Vale, N. C.
9—Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler	Vale, N. C.	Eddie Rhoney	R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.
10—Olive Grove	C. M. Cook	Casar, N. C.	Preston Lail	Casar, N. C.
11—Pisgah	A. A. Parker	Casar, N. C.	Noah Puett	Casar, N. C.
12—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton	R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	W. N. Buff	R-4, Morganton, N. C.
13—St. Paul	N. A. Newton	Belwood, N. C.	R. C. White	Belwood, N. C.
14—Shoup's Grove	O. M. Berry	R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	H. H. Berry	Icard, N. C.
15—St. John's	J. R. Huffman	R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	J. R. Huffman	R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.
16—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns	R-1, Hickory, N. C.	W. A. Burns	R-1, Hickory, N. C.
17—Walker's Chapel	J. W. Keller	R-4, Morganton, N. C.	Mackie Huffman	R-4, Morganton, N. C.
18—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson	R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Wm. Hudson	R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.
19—Zoar	D. A. Heavner	R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Church House Burned—	Brick Building Erected

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B. H. Parker ..... Casar, N. C.
A. J. Wacaster ..... Morganton, N. C.
Albert Hudson ..... Lawndale, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 21st annual session with the Zion Hill Baptist church on October 15th, 1931.

Devotional exercises were conducted by singing "Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer by C. M. Robinson.

In the absence of the Moderator or Vice-Moderator, the meeting was called to order by J. W. Rich, after which the roll of churches was called and the following delegates were enrolled:

Abee's Chapel: C. H. Lowman, John Abee, Lester Lowman.

Bethany: J. M. Rhoney, Mrs. J. M. Rhoney, J. F. Abernethy, J. E. Burgin, Mrs. J. E. Burgin.

Beulah: Pinkney Tallent, A. J. Yancey, Austin Rhoney.

Connelly Springs: P. M. Deal, J. L. Smith, John Lowman, Mrs. John Lowman, Mrs. Guy Smith, Mrs. Glenn Smith.

Corinth: A. G. McNeely, Lee Newton, H. G. McNeely, Beulah McNeely, Blanche McNeely, Bertha McNeely.

Icard: J. B. Epps, P. A. Berry, P. S. Berry, J. F. Finger, Mrs. J. F. Finger, Mrs. J. W. Wilson.

Mt. Zion: Cletus Newton, Freddie Newton, Ivey Cook, Odus Wall.

Mt. Hebron: Vergie Stroup, Lester Taylor, G. A. Hildebran.

Mt. Vernon: W. F. Wesson, George Shull, J. F. Leatherman, L. H. Blanton, P. M. Leatherman.

Mull's Chapel: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mull, Macie Peeler, Della Rhoney, Lester Rhoney, Clarence Rhoney, Clara Huffman.

Olive Grove: Lee Parker, Bernice Scism, O. B. Cook, Johnnie Walker, Dewey Walker, John Tallent.

Pisgah: W. S. Johnson, Noah Pruette, Julius Parker, Mrs. J. T. Buff, Minnie Mace.

Pleasant Grove: J. L. Denton, Max Hudson, W. N. Buff, Annie Denton, Mable Denton.

St. Paul: John Rich, E. L. Towery, R. C. White, Ovie Cook, R. A. Newton, Bradie Cook, Texie Lail, Brodis Cook.

Shoup's Grove: D. D. Propst, M. E. Propst, George Speagle, Maudie Speagle, Joe Wilson, Exie Wilson.

St. John's: James R. Ruffman, W. N. Reynolds, W. C. Hoyle, Zeb Stamey, Hattie Belle Huffman.

Walker's Chapel: Mackie Huffman, Miles Huffman, Hill Boyles.

Wilkie's Grove: W. A. Burns, J. B. Greenhill, O. B. Burns, Myrtis Greenhill, Mintie Hermon, Essie Young.

Zion Hill: Wm. Hudson, D. F. Buff, W. C. Buff, W. R. Ramsey, W. E. Ledford.

The Association then organized by electing James R. Huffman Moderator, J. J. Waldrop Vice-Moderator; P. M. Deal Clerk and R. C. White Treasurer.

1. The following committees were appointed:

Finance: Mackie Huffman and J. W. Rich.

Place and Preacher for Next Session: J. M. Rhoney, Wm. Hudson and R. A. Newton.

2. Visitors were recognized as follows: J. O. Summerland, W. C. Lynch and A. T. Mull, of the Kings Mountain Association; J. M. Page, of Raleigh, N. C.; M. I. Harris, of South Fork Association; W. R. White and W. N. Cook, of Green River Association; M. L. Kesler, of Mills Home; D. C. Wesson and J. R. Cansler, of Gaston Association.

3. Committee to Nominate Executive Committee was appointed as follows: J. B. Epps, W. E. Ledford and P. M. Leatherman.

4. The annual sermon was delivered by J. M. Page. Text found in the 17th chapter of Isaiah. Dr. M. L. Kesler being in a rush to get to another association was given time to discuss the needs of the Mills Home in a brief discussion at this time, with report on Orphanage to be read later.

5. On motion adjourned one hour for dinner. Noon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 P. M. the Association was called to order by the chair. Opened by singing the song, "More About Jesus." Devotional by Rev. M. I. Harris, by reading the 11th chapter of First Samuel

6. The report on Periodicals was read by Rev. J. J. Waldrop. Discussed and adopted.

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith ninety-six years ago. Since then it has served as organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our people. It is set for the constructive effort in obeying the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to all the world. It is published in the interest of our Baptist work and at the expense of the stockholders—for the past eight years the paper has been a liability. The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset, and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friends.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring to our people weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievements of our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, B.Y.P.U., W. M. U., and laymen's work, so that the reader may be

informed as to the best method of doing our work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad and hence informs the reader of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiritual and intellectual needs in every young church member. It seeks to present high ideals for our young people, real help in the development of Christian character, which will react for good in the future of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of wholesome literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate them in rendering unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. WALDROP.

7.Miss Ora Hull and Miss Lucy Brown, of the South Mountain Industrial Institute, were recognized and spoke of their need at the school, after which an old-time table collection was taken for the school that amounted to $13.10.

8. Report on Christian Education was read by Rev. M. A. Huffman. Discussed by W. C. Lynch, of Boiling Springs School, and Rev. W. N. Cook. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

What is education? The word in its derivation means "the act of leading out." Education is the process and the result of the leading out, the development, of the whole man. In our common parlance we limit the sphere of such development to the intellect. Hence, when we wish to include the whole being we must say Christian Education. Lewis E. Lawes, warden of Sing Sing Prison, says, "Education is as much a problem in crime as ignorance. There is no inherent virtue in learning." That is to say, education has as much to do with character as with learning. Tennyson recognizes the necessity of the harmonious development of the whole being in a stanza of "In Memoriam:"

Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul, according well,
May make one music as before,
But vaster.

What are Southern Baptists doing in the field of education? Under the control of the Southern Baptist Convention there are three schools for the training of leaders: the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville; the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth; the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans. Under the control of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, there is one, the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville. (The Training School at Fort Worth is a department of the Southwestern Seminary). In 1930-1931 there were enrolled in these 977 students; there were 62 teachers; a property valuation of $5,293,255.01; endowment of $2,518,358.69. Under the several State Conventions, associations, or

other controlling bodies, there were last year 30 senior colleges, 31 junior colleges, and 31 academies. In these were enrolled 25,-080 students, of whom 1,299 were ministerial students; there were 1,477 teachers; a property valuation of $35,474,149.37; an endowment of $20,244,418.36. These schools need to be strengthened by better physical equipment and larger endowments. It is not necessary or wise that Baptist schools seek to compete with the large program of the State system. But let us maintain relatively small but efficient Christian schools that put the emphasis upon the Christian content in education. Thereby we will furnish a large proportion of the leadership of tomorrow. Some researches in "Who's Who In America," made by a State University professor some years ago, show that, while non-denominational schools represented in the volume had four times the number of students, the denominational schools had twice as many representatives listed. This suggests that the emphasis upon the religious content in education tends to produce leadership. Let us hold to the emphasis.

In addition to the denominational schools, Baptists are putting the Christian content in education by maintaining student-secretaries on the campuses of non-denominational schools to care for the religious interest of the students. This work is fostered through the Baptist Student Union (B. S. U.), locally, statewide, southwide. There are more Baptist boys and girls in state schools than in denominational schools. Let us strengthen and enlarge the work of the B. S. U.

M. A. HUFFMAN.

9. Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by J. J. Waldrop and discussed by M. A. Huffman, P. M. Deal and James R. Huffman. Report adopted. C. B. Robinson was elected Associational B. Y. P. U. President for the following year.

B. Y. P. U.

As there are but three churches reporting a B.Y.P.U., Connelly Springs reports two unions, senior, with an enrollment of 19, and intermediate with 19, making a total of 38; taking study course 26. Bethany has one senior union; taking study course 21, systematic givers 50. Mt. Vernon one senior union, with enrollment of 35.

We should do more to create the B.Y.P.U. work in our association.

P. M. DEAL.

10. Foreign Missions were discussed by Rev. P. W. Hamlett, missionary to China.

11. The Every Member Canvass was discussed and explained by J. J. Waldrop and W. R. Bradshaw. Training to start at Zion Hill Monday night, October 19th, 1931, to continue for five nights with all churches in the Association to take part.

12. The report on Place and Preacher was submitted by the committee.

We, your committee on Place and Preacher for the next session, beg to submit the following report: That the next session be held with Bethany Baptist Church, one-half mile west of Hilde-

bran, N. C., on old No. 10 Highway, and C. M. Robinson is to preach the annual sermon.

J. M. RHONEY.
Wm. HUDSON.

On motion to adjourn the Association adjourned until Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.
9:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the chair. Song, "Blessed Assurance." Devotional by M. A. Huffman.

13. Report on State Missions was read by J. J. Waldrop.

STATE MISSIONS.

From the very beginning of the organized life of North Carolina Baptists, State Missions have held a large place in the thinking and planning of our people. One of the primary objects in the minds of our fathers in the organization of the Convention as stated in the first article of the Constitution, adopted at Greenville in 1830 was "the employment of missionaries within the limits of this state." This has been the consistent and aggressive policy of the Baptist State Convention for more than a hundred years. The truth is, the wise and aggressive policy of State Missions, humanly speaking, has made the denomination what it is in members and power in North Carolina today. Napoleon said: "Conquest has made me what I am, and conquest wil sustain me." That is certainly true of State Missions, and the growth and enlargement of the Baptist churches in North Carolina demonstrate the truth of it. Literally hundreds of our strong churches are trophies of State Missions.

Great and far-reaching changes have taken place in North Carolina within recent years. Three recent developments especially have thrust upon our country and village churches acute and critical problems—the coming of good roads, the automobile, and the consolidation and growth of the rural grammar and high schools. We believe these three developments are going to be the very acid test in the life or death struggle of many of our smaller rural churchs. In the days of bad roads and lack of communication, there was some necessity for a Baptist church every three miles. But that necessity no longer exists. Many of these weak, struggling churches are doomed to die. Many more of them are going to be compelled to consolidate with others in the same territory. There must be better equipment and better support for the ministry.

The great agency in this new and untried situation, for a sane and progressive program of work and development, ought to be our General Board of the Baptist State Convention.

Let's strengthen the hands of this board and begin with patience and zeal the effort to solve these great State Mission problems.

J. J. WALDROP.

14. Report on Home Missions was read by James R. Huffman.

HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the effort of all that group of evangelistic tasks which either because of their nature or size can best be handled by a south-wide agency.

The Home Mission Board through which the Southern Baptist Convention is doing its home mission work, has worked itself out of a very precarious financial condition and now stands on solid ground. This has been done in two ways: First, by giving to missionaries more territory; and second, by reducing appropriations to institutions. Following the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention the board is living within its income and paying its debts. The board by practicing the most heroic economy paid $141,000 on its indebtedness and carried on its mission work.

The budget for the next year at the annual meeting of the board June 3rd was laid out according to the instructions of the convention. On the basis of the cash receipts of the year before the Board cut $26,500 off of the budget by reducing overhead expenses and appropriation to institutions. $250,000 was set aside for payment of principal and interest on indebtedness.

The Board has decided to retire its indebtedness as rapidly as possible. During last year the Board has had 252 missionaries and helpers who have given 3162 weeks of labor, received by professions and baptisms 3562 people, added to churches 3015 members.

The future policy of the Home Mission Board is to cooperate with all the states and Southwide organizations and carry out the program outlined by the convention, and with the cooperation of all state boards Southern Baptist through the Home Mission Board will be able to evangelize the Southland, preach the Gospel to the foreigners in our midst, and build up our spiritual interest in all our Southern Baptist territory.

The prospects for the future for home missions are as bright as the promises of God, and the faith of His people.

JAS. R. HUFFMAN.

15. Report on Foreign Mission was read.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are grateful to God for His manifest blessings upon the work Southern Baptists are carrying on in the Regions Beyond.

Secretary T. B. Ray, Miss Kathleen Mallory, Dr. George W. Truett and others made a very successful trip last summer through South America. One of the most outstanding evangelistic tours ever known was made by Dr. Truett through Brazil, Argentina and Chile. As a result of his ministry, multitudes confessed Christ as Saviour.

The Foreign Mission Board reports the largest number of baptisms it has ever been able to report in any one year, 14,415. Rumania again leads in the number of baptisms, 5,500. Italy reports a larger number of baptisms than in any previous year, 396. Gracious revivals were reported in the Shantung Province in North China, in Canton, Shanghai, Soochow, Lagos in West Africa, and numerous other places.

The mission schools have been crowded with students and large numbers were turned away. In spite of the closing of two hospitals

the others had a record last year in treating the ill and stricken people. The nine hospitals treated 73,784 patients compared to the 85,431 patients treated in our 24 hospitals here in the Southland, most of the treatments being on the charity basis. The five publishing houses on foreign fields could not meet the demands for literature.

The present personnel of our mission workers consists of 425 foreign missionaries, of which 79 are at home on furlough, and 2,052 native missionaries who are operating in fourteen different countries. Fifty-eight missionaries have returned to the field during the year. Sixteen have retired and six died.

The debt of the Foreign Mission Board January 1, 1928, was $1,145,000. On January 1, 1931, it was $945,366, a net reduction of $200,000. The reduction would have been far greater but for the slump in receipts of $265,000 in 1929. When it became apparent that there would be a serious loss in the receipts for 1930, the Board curtailed its expenditures $51,000 from the amount appropriated for the year. In making the appropriations for 1931 the Board reduced the appropriations $280,000 below the amount appropriated in 1930, a reduction of 20 per cent. The Board suspended temporarily the payment of 10 per cent of Program receipts upon the debt.

We feel constrained to call attention to another debt. We spend so much time worrying over the bank indebtedness of the Board that we overlook this other debt which presses persistently for payment every day. This is the debt to be paid before all others. Perhaps the reason why we are having so much trouble paying the debt in the banks is because we have defaulted so sadly in paying this preferred debt. The surest guarantee of payment of our bank indebtedness would be the payment of this primary debt.

16. Home, State and Foreign Missions were discussed under one head by M. A. Huffman, J. J Waldrop, James R. Huffman, J. M. Page and C. M. Robinson. Reports adopted.

17. Visitors recognized: Brother J. F. Cook, of the Kings Mountain Association, was welcomed to a seat in the body.

18. On motion adjourned one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M. Called to order by the chair. Song, "Shall We Gather At the River" Devotional by C. M. Robinson, who read the 19th chapter, 13 to 18 verse of St. John.

19. Report on Sunday Schools was read by P. M. Deal. Discussed by P. M. Deal, J. J. Waldrop, J. W. Rich, B. L. Ledford and C. M. Robinson. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I wish to submit the following report: Every church in the Association reported a Sunday School except Mt. Gilead, with 140 gain over last year. I suggest that we press on and not let up until we enlist all our prospects.

P. M. DEAL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The South Mountain Sunday School Association has held this year twelve monthly meetings. Out of the eighteen churches we have had an average attendance of eight churches for the whole year. We have three standard schools with eight more far on the road to becoming standard. Our greatest need at this time is consecrated workers, who will assume leadership in the work.

J. J. WALDROP, Supt.

20. Rev. J. J. Waldrop was elected Superintendent of the South Mountain Associational Sunday School Convention for next year.

21. The following is the report of the Finance Committe:

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report: That we have collected for Minute fund the amount of $32.11.

J. W. RICH,
W. A. RHONEY,
MACKIE HUFFMAN,
Committee.

22. The clerk's report for the Minutes of last year was as follows:

Printing of Minutes	$40.00
Mailing cost	1.92
Clerk fee	8.08
Total	$50.00

P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

23. Treasurer's report:

Carried on hands from last year	$14.11
This year	32.11
	$46.22.

24. The following is the resolution of thanks to Zion Hill:

Resolved, that the thanks of this body is due and hereby tendered to Zion Hill Church and community for their hospitality shown us during this session of our Association.

J. J. WALDROP.

25. The following were elected as the Executive Committee: L. H. Blanton, Wm. Hudson, Guy Smith, John Rich, and Mackie Huffman.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Bethany Baptist Church, one-half mile west of Hildebran, N. C., on old No. 10 Highway, on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1932, at 10:00 a. m.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN,
Moderator.

P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

PROGRAM FOR 1932 AND NAMES OF REPORT WRITERS

10:00 A. M.—Enrollment of delegates and organization
11:15 A. M.—Annual Sermon.....C. M. Robinson
12:00 M. —Miscellaneous.
12:15 P. M.—Noon.
1:15 P. M.—Periodicals.....C. A. Abernethy
1:30 P. M.—Christian Education.....J. R. Huffman
2:30 P. M.—B. Y. P. U.....C. B. Robinson
4:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous.

FRIDAY

9:00 A. M.—Devotional
9:30 A. M.—Foreign Missions.....R. G. Short
10:15 A. M.—Mills Home.....Brady Parker
11:00 A. M.—State Missions.....M. A. Huffman
12:00 M. —Noon
1:15 P. M.—Sunday Schools.....J. J. Waldrop
2:00 P. M.—Home Missons.....R. C. White
2:30 P. M.—W. M. U.....Mrs. J. F. Cooke
3:30 P. M.—Obituaries.....P. M. Deal

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called **"The South Mountain Baptist Association."**

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from ther respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

TABLE 1—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION, For October 15 and 16th, 1931.

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP								Weekly Prayer Meeting	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances Lord's Supper During Yr.	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Mem. Reptd. Last Year	Gains			Losses			Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1886	C. A. Abernethy, Icard, N. C.	2&4	87	9	2		3		1	95		1	1	
2—Bethany	Village		W. R. Bradshaw, Morganton, N. C.	3rd	120	28	6	1	2			153		2	2	
3—Beulah	Country		J. J. Waldrop, Vale, N. C.	1st	32	1	1		1			29		1		
4—Connelly Springs	Village		A. A. Lockee, Mt. Holly, N. C.	3rd	135	10	4					149		1		
5—Corinth	Country	1884	J. L. Street, Connelly Springs, N. C.	1&3	115	5	1		5	46		83		1	2	
6—Icard	Village	1918	R. G. Short, Hickory, N. C.	1&3	76		10		4		1	86		1		
7—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	Otis Cook, Lawndale, N. C.	3rd	147	10			2		3	152		1	3	1
8—Mt. Vernon	Country		C. M. Robinson, Vale, N. C.	4th	146	4	4	1	1		2	152		1		6
9—Mt. Gilead																
10—Mull's Chapel	Country	1924	J. J. Waldrop, Vale, N. C.	2&4	81	9	4		1		1	92		1		
11—Olive Grove	Country		E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	2&4	136	2	1				2	139	1	1	1	
12—Pisgah	Country	1840	J. J. Waldrop, Vale, N. C.	3rd	63	3						66	1	1	1	
13—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	J. L. Street, Hickory, N. C.	2nd		5	2		1	3	2	125	1	1	1	
14—St. John's	Country	1846	C. M. Robinson, Vale, N. C.	1st	147	3			5	3	2	137		1	2	1
15—Shoup's Grove	Country	1895	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	1st	147	8	2		10		1	146		1	1	1
16—St. Paul	Country	1871	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	2&4	293	4			6		6	285	1	1		
17—Walker's Chapel	Country		J. O. Summerland, Boiling Springs, N. C.	3rd	81	13			1			87	1	1		
18—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1895	J. L. Street, Hickory, N. C.	2&4	165	22					3	184		1	3	1
19—Zion Hill	Country		R. G. Short, Hickory, N. C.	1st		7	3		1	2	2	139		1	1	
20—Mt. Hebron	Country	1872	M. I. Harris, Hickory, N. C.	1&3	51	6	4				1	61		1		

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, R.-3, Connelly Springs, State of N. C.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina—October 15 and 16th, 1931.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION				
		Officers and teachers	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-23 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Total Enrollment—Including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms From School
1—Abee's Chapel	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	8	10	10	9	8	10	11	7		65	60				8
2—Bethany	Mrs. J. C. Abernethy, Hickory, N. C.	16	8	35	30	22	25	20			156	140				28
3—Beulah	Pinkney Tallent, Vale, N. C.	12	12	8	10	27		23			82		Yes			1
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs, N. C.	12	15	6	9	27	18	54	9		138	68				6
5—Corinth	Roy McNeely, Morganton, N. C.	8									108	70				
6—Icard	J. B. Epps, Icard, N. C.	10	12	15	12	12	12	19			90	65				
7—Mt. Zion	R. E. Newton, Casar, N. C.	6	10	25	25	15	20	20			121	58				9
8—Mt. Vernon	Charles Robinson, Vale, N. C.	10	28	13	19	37	15	15			127	60			7	3
9—Mt. Gilead	No Report															
10—Mull's Chapel	W. F. Mull, Connelly Springs, N. C.	8										70				5
11—Mt. Hebron	C. M. Stroup, Connelly Springs, N. C.	8	19	7	9	7	15	16			81	61				5
12—Olive Grove	W. M. Walker, Casar, N. C.	7										50			5	1
13—Pisgah	B. A. Parker, Casar, N. C.	17	11	13	21	9	17	28	15	6	137	83	Yes	Yes	13	
14—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, Connelly Springs, N. C.	6	12		13	11	22	20			78	40				5
15—St. John's	James R. Huffman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	12		24	13	20	11	19			87	54			1	3
16—Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, Hickory, N. C.	7	16	14	21	12	23	38			116	70	Yes		7	7
17—St. Paul	C. H. Crotts, Belwood, N. C.	16	14	11	25	18	71		29	6	192		Yes	Yes	7	
18—Walker's Chapel	Mackie Huffman, Morganton, N. C.	6	10	11	14	18		12			71	56	Yes			5
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, N. C.	9									186	152				
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs, N. C.	16	9	7	15	16	21	27	1		96		Yes	Yes		

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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association — October 15 and 16, 1931.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness On All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	Lester Lowman	Yes	1886	Wood	300	1	--	5	$ 2,000	$ 2,000		
2—Bethany	D. H. Page, Hildebran, N. C.	Yes	1925	Brick	400	9	--		6,000	6,000		
3—Beulah	Auston Rhoney, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1905	Wood	500	1	--	--	1,000	1,000	--	800
4—Connelly Springs	J. E. Wilson, Ruthf'd College, N. C.	Yes	1902	Wood	300	3	--	3	1,500	1,500	--	--
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.	Yes	1902	Wood	300	1	--	--	700	700	--	--
6—Icard	T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.	Yes	1918	Wood	300	1	--	--	1,200	1,200	--	--
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar, N. C.	Yes		Wood	300	1	--	--	500	500	--	--
8—Mt. Vernon	E. Y. Leatherman, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1925	Brick	500	1	--	--	3,500	3,500	--	--
9—Mt. Gilead												
10—Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1924	Brick	300	7	6	6	9,000	9,000	--	--
11—Mt. Hebron	D. A. Heavner, Connelly Sp'gs, N. C.	Yes	1930	Brick	500	1	--	--	3,500	3,500	200	--
12—Olive Grove	C. M. Cook, Casar, N. C.	Yes		Wood		1	--	--	1,500	1,500	--	--
13—Pisgah	A. A. Parker, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1928	Wood	1000	1	--	--	1,000	1,000	--	--
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C	Yes	1876	Wood	400	1	--	--	1,000	1,000	--	--
15—St. John's	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Sp'gs, N. C.	Yes	1922	Wood	800	1	--	--	3,000	3,000	--	200
16—Shoup's Grove	O. M. Berry, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1895	Wood	300	1	6	6	1,000	1,000	--	700
17—St. Paul	R. A. Newton, Belwood, N. C.	Yes		Wood	100	10	--	10	2,500	2,500	--	--
18—Walker's Chapel	J. W. Keller, Morganton, N. C.	Yes		Wood	300	1	--	--	1,200	1,200	450	--
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, N. C.	Yes	1894	Wood	500	1	--	--	2,000	2,000	--	
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Sp'gs, N. C.	Yes		Wood		1		5	1,000	1,000		1000

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK Of South Mountain Baptist Association, October 15 and 16, 1931.

	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK									
		Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B.Y.P.U. and W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Local Church Work Given by S. School.	Total Local Church Work Given By Church and all Its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	S. S. Hildebran, Connelly Springs, N. C.	$ 150.00			$ 10.00	$ 19.00	$ 20.00	$ 3.10			$ 220.10
2—Bethany	J. F. Abernethy, Hickory, N. C.	140.00	66.99	125.00	42.00	53.40		4.45			431.89
3—Beulah	Anna Yancey, Vale, N. C.	61.00				24.65					85.65
4—Connelly Springs	W. W. Berry, Connelly Springs, N. C.	300.00	153.25		24.00	51.25	8.00	3.00		28.00	517.35
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Casar, N. C.	77.84				15.00				9.94	92.84
6—Icard	T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.	150.42			24.00	30.00	18.18	3.00			225.60
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsey, Casar, N. C.	90.00	9.87			13.61		2.00	3.67	19.28	119.15
8—Mt. Vernon	W. F. Wesson, Vale, N. C.	300.00		2.50	155.00	27.68		1.00	1.00	37.18	487.16
9—Mt. Gilead											
10—Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, Vale, N. C.	195.80			5.00						200.80
11—Mt. Hebron	Flavie Heavner, Connelly Springs, N. C.	100.00	21.00	200.00	12.60	16.02	30.00				379.60
12—Olive Grove	A. T. Spake, Casar, N. C.	80.94			10.00						90.94
13—Pisgah	Noah Pruett, Casar, N. C.	161.75			9.62	60.00		3.00		70.00	234.37
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C.	100.00	17.00			13.31		2 25			132.56
15—St. John's	Nellie Wright, Connelly Springs, N. C.	90.00	30.00		8.00	30.00		2.00	33.00		193.00
16—Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, Hickory, N. C.	140.75	32.65			28.00					201.40
17—St. Paul	R. A. Newton, Belwood, N. C.	95.81	19.80			48.43		1.10			164.84
18—Walker's Chapel	Raymond Keller, Morganton, N. C.	98.52		45.00	1.00	9 00	1.80	1.00			155.32
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, N. C.	284.82	19.99			23.53	20.00	4.00		43.53	352.34
20—Zion Hill	W. E. Ledford, Lawndale, N. C.	150.00	10.00			35.00		2.45			197.45

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TABLE V—Gifts For Missions, Education and All Benevolences, South Mountain Baptist Association—October 15 and 16, 1931.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Cooperative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian & Ministerial Educ'n	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Other Special Gifts	Total for Cooperative Program and all Specials	Grand Tot. all Gifts for all Purposes by Churches and all Departments
1—Abee's Chapel	S. S. Hildebran, Connelly Springs, N. C.	$10.00								$10.00	$ 20.00	$ 222.10
2—Bethany	Mrs. J. F. Abernethy, Hickory, N. C.	3 95		7.26		4.35	2.95	53.40			71.91	502.39
3—Beulah	Anna Yancey, Vale, N. C.	3.25									3.25	88.90
4—Connelly Springs	Mrs. J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs, N. C.	30.00						85.14			115.14	633.09
5—Corinth												92.84
6—Icard	T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.							11.26	13.60		24.80	247.46
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsey, Casar, N. C.							7.48			7.48	107.35
8—Mt. Vernon	W. F. Wesson, Vale, N. C.		2.26					9.30		1.00	12.56	498.84
9—Mt. Gilead	No Report											
10—Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, Vale, N. C.				3.70			6.00	14.00		23.70	219.50
11—Mt. Hebron	Flavie Heavner, Connelly Springs, N. C.	1.46									1.46	381.08
12—Olive Grove	A. T. Spake, Casar, N. C.							1.31			1.31	92.25
13—Pisgah	Noah Pruett, Casar, N. C.	6.55		2.08				5.00			13.63	175.38
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C.				15.00					37.00	52.00	154.55
15—St. John's	Nellie Wright, Connelly Springs, N. C.										13.00	193.00
16—Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, Hickory, N. C.		6.08					19.55			25.83	227.05
17—St. Paul	R. A. Newton, Belwood, N. C.			7.21				30.88		8.50	45.71	211 42
18—Walker's Chapel	Raymond Keller, Morganton, N. C.							5.15			5 15	155.32
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, N. C.			3.33	2.83		1.37	65.59	3.00		76.21	428 55
20—Zion Hill	W. E. Ledford, Lawndale, N. C.			2.00		3.00		2 00			7 00	267 45

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PROGRAM

Thursday Morning

10.00—Devotional.
10:15—Organization
10:30—Miscellaneous
10:45—Biblical Recorder ..... J. B. Huffman
11:15—Sermon ..... Rev. W. H. Flowers
11:45—Announcements and Woman's Missionary Union.
12:00—Lunch.

Afternoon

1:15—Devotional
1:30—Sunday School ..... Rev. E. L. McDaniel
2:00—B. Y. P. U. ..... Rev. C. L. Devine
2:30—Every-Member Canvass ..... Rev. W. H. Flowers
3:00—Obituaries ..... A. C. Peeler

Friday Morning

10.00—Devotional.
10:15—Miscellaneous
10:30—Mills Home ..... Rev. M. A. Huffman
11:00—Christian Education ..... R. G. Short
11:30—Temperance ..... M. I. Harris
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

1:15—Devotional
1:30—Missions ..... C. M. Robinson
200—Home Missions ..... C. A. Abernethy
2:30—Foreign Missions ..... W. R. Bradshaw
3:00—Ministerial Relief ..... J. J. Waldrop

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES

J. H. Cook	Casar, N. C.
Carl Devine	Connelly Springs, N. C.
M. A. Huffman	Icard, N. C.
B. H. Parker	Icard, N. C.
Albert Hudson	Lawndale, N. C.
Ottis Cook	Lawndale, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13th

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 22nd annual session with the Bethany Baptist Church on October 13th, 1932.

Devotional exercises were conducted by singing hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour." Prayer by Prof. O. E. Sames, of Mars Hill College, after which the Moderator called the Association to order and the roll of churches was called and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

ABEE'S CHAPEL: John Abee, C. H. Lowman, John Lowman, Vadie Lowman.

BETHANY: Mrs. J. M. Rhoney, Miss Mae Burgin, J. B. Setzer, D. H. Page, J. C. Abernethy, Mrs. Geo. Cook, Wade Watkins, Jones Abernethy, J. E. Burgin, Willard Evans.

BEULAH: J. O. Mull, W. A. Rhoney, Mrs. W. A. Rhoney.

CONNELLY SPRINGE: J. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs.John Lowman, P. M. Deal, Mrs. Guy Smith.

CORINTH: C. S. Crotts, E. C. Hull, J. G .McNeely.

ICARD: J. F, Finger, P. A. Berry, J. B. Epps.

MT. ZION: Sammie Proctor, S. L. Pruett, Jessie Davis.

MT. VERNON: J. F. Leatherman, Bessie Gant, D. M. Tallent, J. O. Burton, Mrs. C. M. Robinson.

MT. GILEAD: S. S. McNeely, W. L. Chapman, Wm. Parker, J. L. Batts.

MULL'S CHAPEL: Mrs. W. T. Rhoney, Miss Macie Peeler, Miss Addie Rhoney.

MT. HEBRON: D. A. Heavner, Lester Taylor, N. M. Taylor Ernest Stroup.

OLIVE GROVE: Clennie Self, Johnnie Walker, C. M. Cook, Preston Lail.

PISGAH: W. S. Johnson, Mrs. W. S. Johnson, A. A. Parker, B. H. Parker.

PLEASANT GROVE: J. R. Carswell, W. N. Buff, Lincoln Denton, Zula Settlemyre, Zennie Carswell.

ST. JOHN'S: James R. Huffman, Jack Costner, Earl Wright, Hattie Huffman, Hannah Huffman.

SHOUP S GROVE: P. S. Stilwell, M. G. Collins, Addison Berry, Clyde Mull, D. A. Young.

ST. PAUL: Mozelle Newton C. H. Crotts, Otis Cook.

WALKER S CHAPEL: Frank Carswell, Mrs. Frank Carswell, Philo Huffman, Mackie Huffman Brintie Huffman.

WILKIE'S GROVE: W. A. Burns, O. B. Burns, Alice Burns, Jones Greenhill, L. C. Young.

ZION HILL: Wm. Hudson D. F. Buff, Edison Mull, Gertie Proctor Martha Hudson, W. S. Hoyle, Mrs. W. S. Hoyle.

1. The Association proceeded to business by taking the need of the Mills Home, which was discussed by R. D. Covington, secretary of Mills Home, and by W. R. Bradshaw, M. A. Huffman and J. O. Summerlin, with report to be read later.

2. Visitors were recognized as follows:: Prof. O. E. Sames of Mars Hill College; John Reese, of Mars Hill; Rev. W. W. Marr, of the South Fork Association; J. C. Burke, of Catawba River Association; Mrs. Fred A. Moore, of Catawba River Association; and R. D. Covington, of Mills Home.

3. The following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: J. M. Rhoney and A. A. Parker.

Committee on Place and Preacher of next session: J. B. Epps, J. E. Wilson and W. S. Hoyle.

4. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. C. M. Robinson. Text: Rev. 2 chapter, 24th verse.

5. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw introduced Rev. B. A. Bower, of the Gaston Association; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, of Greensboro; and Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw and Mrs. Jerome Wortman, of Catawba River Association.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:30 P. M. the Association was called to order by the chair. Opened by singing "Stand Up For Jesus." Devotional by Rev. W. W. Marr. Scripture found in the Acts—"Being filled with the Holy Ghost." Prayer by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

6. The Association proceeded by reading report on Periodicals, which was read by Rev. C. A. Abernethy:

PERIODICALS.

For ninety-seven years the Biblical Recorder has sought to serve the Baptists of North Carolina and the world. It seeks in a constructive way to obey the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to every part of the world. The seventy-seven stockholders publish the Recorder in the interest of our Baptist work. For years they received no dividends and for the last nine years

have published the paper at a financial loss. The managers have but one aim in publishing the Recorder—to assist the Baptists of North Carolina in extending the Reign of Christ. The Christian culture of our future Baptist homes depends, in no small degree, on the contribution the Biblical Recorder is able to make to them.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring to our people weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievemens of our schools,churches, Sunday Schools, B.Y.P.U., W.M.U., and laymen's work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad, and hence informs the reader of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiritual and intellectual needs in every young church member. It seeks to present high ideals for our young people, real help in the development of Christian character, which will react for good in the future of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of wholesome literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate them in rendering unselfish service. The Biblical Reocrder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum. C. A. ABERNETHY.

Discussed by C. A. Abernethy, C. M. Robinson and J. B. Epps. Report adopted.

7. Report on Christian Education was read by J. R. Huffman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

In its annual report the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention suggests three lines of work facing us in the task of Christian education today. First, how shall we continue to attract and hold students for our Christian colleges? Second, how can we provide sufficient funds to maintain adequate educational plants, libraries, laboratories and faculties for our Christian schools? Third, how are we to differentiate Christian colleges in fact as well as in theory in this age of indifference to spiritual values? That indifference to spiritual values is invading our homes and even our churches.

The statistical end of the report gives us the following data of our institutions:

Theological schools, 5, the same as last year; senior colleges, 29, lost 1; junior colleges, 24, lost 7; academies, 20, lost 11; total number of schools, 78, lost 19; total regular students, 21,694, lost 4.363; summer students, 7,574, lost 1,780; ministerial students,

1,601; gained 42; student volunteers, 806, gained 363; graduate students, 130, lost 72; total number of instructors, 1,484, lost 55; total value of school property, $38,358,132.18, lost $2,409,272.20; total endowment, $22,410,505.86, lost $352,271.18.

Note the 42 increase in the number of ministerial students and the 363 increase in the number of student volunteers over last year, despite the loss of 19 schools. The loss of even that many schools has meant a loss to Baptists of less than three million dollars, while the schools that remain have property endowment values that aggregate $60,768,638.04.

The value of the Christian college to the kingdom work is generally conceded by the leaders among all Christians. Woodrow Wilson declared: "The Christian college is a lighthouse of civilization."

As churches we must never forget that ninety per cent of the world's Christian workers are developed in the Christian schools. Our Baptist schools are indispensable for furnishing us our preachers, missionaries and trained workers. This is the special field of our Christian schools today in the work of the kingdom.

JAS. R. HUFFMAN.

Discussed by James R. Huffman, Prof. O. E.Sames, R. D. Covington and W. W. Marr. Report adopted.

8. Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by C. M. Robinson.

B. Y. P. U.

We have in our Association twenty churches, with only four having B. Y. P. U. organiaztions. Surely the necessity for this work or the things possible through it has not dawned upon the pastors and good people of our churches.

Those having such organizations are:

	Members	Daily Bible Readers	Study Course	Systematic Giving
St. John's	52	22	4	9
Mt. Vernon	30	8	15	22
Connelly Sps., Jr.	28		6	
Connelly Springs	34	12	13	10
Mull's Chapel	32	27	27	25
Totals	176	69	65	66

Be it resolved, That we, pastors and delegates present, go to our churches determined to try to enlist our young people to train for efficient service in our Master's Kingdom.

C. M. ROBINSON, Com.

Discussed by M. A. Huffman, W. R. Bradshaw, Miss Bessie Gant, P. M. Deal, J. C. Bure, E. L. McDaniel, R. G. Short and J. J. Waldrop. Report adopted.

9. Miscellaneous. A motion to elect officers at this Association to serve through the next term. Motion adopted. The same officers serve through the 1933 session, at which time their successors will be elected.

10. Appointed committee to nominate Executive Committee for next year. Committee—J. R. Carswell, Austin Rhoney and J. M. Finger.

Adjourned until Friday morning. Dismissed by Rev. J. O. Summerlin.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1932

9:30 O'Clock

Opened by singing hymn, "Stepping In The Light." Devotional by M. A. Huffman. Prayer by M. A. Huffman.

Called to order by chair and proceeded to business.

11. Visitors recognized were as follows: J. M. Page, of the State Board, Raleigh, N. C.; J. L. Martin, of South For Association; W. P. Crouch of Oklahoma.

12. Report on State Missions was read by Rev. R. G. Short. Discussed by M. A. Huffman and J. M. Page. Report adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

When Jesus was ready to go back into the spirit world after his resurrection, He gave His disciples their working orders. He told them how to let the world now about His plan of saving the lost. He told them that after the Holy Ghost had come to give working power, they were to begin the evangelization of the world. Since Jerusalem was home, they were to begin their work there, then they were to go to Judea, and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of all the earth.

Our first duty, though not our only duty by any means, is to begin at home, to preach and teach Christ's Kingdom here in North Carolina.

This work is done by our Sunday Schools, Baptist Young People's Unions, Woman's Missionary Unions, our hospitals, the Mills Home and our colleges and schools of the State.

When we think of what is included in the work of our State Mission Board, we readily see that our State needs all of the work that is being done. Let us think for a minute of what a difference it would make in our State, if our State Mission Board should cease to work.

(1) There would be no B.Y.P.U. secretaries, no Sunday School secretaries, No. W.M.U. leaders. If we needed help in our church in putting on a training school of any kind, there would be no

worker whose services we might secure. We would have no Baptist schools in which we might get our training for service. The orphan boys and girls would be left to drift, and without a chance for Christian training; hundreds of them would probably waste their lives; our sick people would have no Baptist hospital where they might find relief from their sufferings in the midst of thei' own people; the thousands of unenlisted in the needy fields of the State would have no preacher to come and lead them to Christ.

If we can succeed in enlisting all of our people and each one pay a tithe, there will come into our church treasury each year a minimum of $160,000,000, a sum that would provide adequately for all our local church work and our general denominational program as well. Let us pray that God wil move upon His people to bring in the tithe and the offering and fill His treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUFFMAN.

13. Report on Foreign Missions was read by R. G. Short. Report adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Great Commission. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:19, 20. And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; But he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:15.16.

Debtors. I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise. Romans 1:14.

Examples. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ to them. Acts 8:5. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said: of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons. But in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him. Acts 10:24.

Equipped—Sent. Go your ways: behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse nor script, nor shoes: And salute no man by the way. Luke 10:34.

The Work Abroad. Looking back over the progress of our work during the last twenty-five years we find many evidences of remarkable accomplishment. In 1906 we had 214 churches. By 1931 these had grown to 2,681 churches. One of the most remarkable things about this growth is that 1,868 of these churches are self-supporting.

There were 12,894 members in our churches twenty-five years ago, whereas in 1931 there were 169,311 members. Our member-

ship multiplied thirteen times. The growth in membership has been much more rapid during the last few years. It is worthy of note that we baptized more people last year than we had church members twenty-five years ago. One of the most specific evidences of growth is shown by the contributions made by the churches abroad. These churches gave for the support of the work last year, $145,000.00 more than Southern Baptists gave for the support of the Foreign Mission Board in 1906.

The world needs and is ready to receive the Gospel we preach, the world which the Foreign Mission Board faces today is a world in desperate need, but a world ready for Christ, its only hope. Will the Baptists of this Association suffer their beloved missionaries and their Foreign Board to appeal to them in vain?

Will we ignore the calls of a lost world for which Christ died and for which we have a sure and only remedy The world needs the gospel, hundreds of young people are ready to carry it, and our people have money to send them, if they will only give it.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. SHORT.

14. The Every-Member Canvass was then submitted by Rev. H. A. Flowers. Discussed by S. L. Pruette, C. M. Robinson, J. J. Waldrop, W. R. Bradshaw, P. M. Deal, R. G. Short, M. A. Huffman. Report adopted.

15. Report on Mills Home submitted by B. H. Parker. Discussed as aforesaid. Report adopted. M. A. Huffman appointed as orphanage director of the South Mountain Association.

Adjourned one hour at noon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—1:30

Called to order by chair. Devotional by W. H. Flowers.

16. Report on Home Missions by W. H. Flowers. Discussed with State and Foreign Missions.

HOME MISSIONS

In 1845 our fathers organized the Home Mission Board. Since that time the Home Mission Board has served Southern Baptist territory, the four western provinces of Cuba and the Canal Zone. It undertakes what the State convention and other local agencies cannot do.

The budget for the year was laid out according to the instruction the convention and was some less than last year. The board has done it's best to economize.

A wonderful work has been done by its missionaries. Let us

press forward in this Great Work and do great things for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. FLOWERS.

17. Report on Appointing Committee nominated as Executive Committee the following as members: P. A. Berry, J. B. Rhoney, D. C. Hoyle, R. A. Newton, Edison Mull.

19. The committee appointed as a Program Committee to arrange a program for next session is composed of Rev. C. L. Devine J. E. Wilson and W. H. Flowers.

20. Report of Program Committee adopted. Program to be printed on first page of Minutes.

21. Miss Ora Hull and Miss Lucy Brown, of South Mountain Industrial School, discussed their needs at the school, followed by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. A collection was taken for the school, amount received $5.13.

22. The report on Temperance was read by Rev. C. M. Robinson. The report was discussed by C. M. Robinson, J. M. Page, M. I. Harris and W. R. Bradshaw. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Endorsed by South Mountain Baptist Association October 14, 1932.

In the estimation of thinking people the individual who uses whiskey is a mental crpple. The church member who gets drunk is an ingrate and a stumbling block to kingdom building. The liquor maker, dispenser, or drinker is just as much a menace to society, or more so, for they were permitted to operate, as was the barroom of the days gone by.

It seems that a kind Providence put it in the hearts of the American people to put whiskey out of the way before automobiles became so numerous.

There is less drunkenness now than before whiskey was outlawed by our Federal Government. I know this is in opposition to the claims of the "wets," who claim there is more whiskey and more drinking now than then. This is just one of the smallest lies they are proclaiming throughout our country.

Since the enactment of the 18th Amendment and the passing of the Volstead act, there have gone up all over our land fine church buildings, automobile garages, bank buildings, industrial plants, etc. Fifty-two counties in what used to be "Bloody Kansas" with not a person in jail, on the chain gang or even indicted. Does prohibition prohibit? Yes, where they enforce it.

Coming down to the present issue, the wets tell us to remove Federal interference, and let the States assume the responsibility

of controlling the traffic. I ask, if the states cannot control it with the assistance of the Federal Government, how in the name of Heaven can they do it when that aid is withdrawn?

Every one, wets included, is pleading against the return of the open saloon. I ask you to find a plan or a promise, or even a suggestion by the wet forces, by which the propose to handle the traffic better than is being done today.

Be it resolved, That this Association goes on record as opposed to repealing, modifying or in any way tampering with the 18th Amendment or the laws that make it operative; and that we use our powers and influence against any and all candidates who fafor any change in the constitution and laws (both State and National) as they stand at present.

Resolved, second, That we promise to use our influence and powers in helping to enforce said laws more effectively in the future than in the past.

C. M. ROBINSON, Chairman,
Temperance Committee.

23. Report on Sunday Schools read by J. J. Waldrop. Discussed and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School, properly defined, is the teaching service of a Baptist. It is here that every one, both old and young, have the privilege of teaching and being taught the pure Word of God.

Fortunately for this Association, we have a Sunday School in each of the twenty churches. Four of these churches have reached the Standard of Excellence as set forth by our Sunday School Board. Many others are far on the road to that goal. The Sunday School enrollment in all the churches for the past year is 2467, average attendance is 1688.

If the churches are to measure up to their responsibilities to God in the matter of the great commission of teaching, there must be a general awakening along all lines of Sunday School activities.

Our schools are by no means reaching their constituency, and as a means to this end we heartily recommend the taking of a religious census in every church and a monthly visitation thereafter.

We further recommend the adoption of the Standard of Excellence in every Sunday School and the lining up of superintendents, deacons, and all church officers with the church solidly behind the movement to put it across for the sake of humanity and our Lord and His cause.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. WALDROP.

24. Rev. E. L. McDaniel was elected Associational Sunday School Superintendent for the following year.

25. Rev. C. M. Robinson and M. A. Huffman were appointed as delegates to the State Baptist Convention.

26. Resolution of thanks to Bethany Church for their kindness and hospitality during the session was read:

Resolved, that the thanks of this body is due and hereby tendered to this church and community for their kind hospitality shown us and the fine way in which they have entertained us during this session of our Association. J. J. WALDROP.

Obituary

27. Report we find from the letters from the churches that we have had 20 deaths this year: 2 deacons and one minister's wife—Mrs. J. H. Cook. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

P. M. DEAL.

28. Report on Place and Preacher Committee adopted.

The committee on place of next meeting of Association and preacher to preach sermon, recommended Pleasant Grove as the place of meeting and Rev. W. H. Flowers to preach introductory srmon.

Signed by the committee:

W. S. HOYLE,
J. E. WILSON,
J. B. EPPS.

29. The Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1933, at 10:00 a. m. This church is located 12 miles south of Morganton, N. C., on Highway No. 18.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN,
Moderator.

P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT — MINUTE FUND COLLECTED

Amt. to date	$32.35
From last year	14.11
From Clerk	3.15
	$49.71

R. C. WHITE.

Clerk's Report

Minutes	$33.38
Mailing	2.00
Clerk's fee	10.00
Total	$45.38

P. M. DEAL.

1931 Report

The Finance Committee reports	$34.10
With a balance	4.00
Total	$38.10

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called **"The South Mountain Baptist Association."**

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be a follows: State Missions, Home Mission, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for that session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Association, For October 13-14, 1932.

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City, or Country?	When Constituted?	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances Lord's Supper During Yr	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported Last Year	Gains				Losses				Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusios	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1886	C. A. Abernethy, Icard, N. C.	1&3	87	3			3	8	9		1	75		1	1	
2—Bethany	Village	1894	W. R. Bradshaw, Morganton, N. C.	3rd	205	22	5		1	4	9		3	231		1	1	
3—Beulah	Country	1905	J. L. Street, Casar, N. C.	1st	29	17	5		3					54		1		
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1900	A. A. Lockee, Mt. Holly, N. C.	3rd	149	20	17						1	185		1	1	
5—Corinth	Country	1884	J. L. Street, Casar, N. C.	3rd	83	10	1		1	2				91		1		
6—Icard	Village	1918	W. H. Flowers, Icard, N. C.	1&3	86	12	13	5		6			2	109	yes	2	1	1
7—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	Ottis Cook, Lawndale, N. C.	3rd	152	9	1					20	2	140	yes	1	4	3
8—Mt. Vernon	Country		C. M. Robinson, Vale, N. C.	4th	142	11	4	1		2	1			155		1	1	4
9—Mt. Gilead	Country		W. S. Jones, Lattimore, N. C.	1st		7	4									2		
10—Mull's Chapel	Country		J. J. Waldrop, Vale, N. C.	1234	81		2			4			1	78		1	1	2
11—Mt. Hebron	Country	1918	M. I. Harris, Hickory, N. C.	1&3	61		2			2				61		1		2
12—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Casar, N. C.	2&4	139	2							1	140	yes	1	3	
13—Pisgah	Country	1840	E. L. McDaniel, Casar, N. C.	3rd	80	5				2				83	yes	2	1	
14—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	L. E. Snipes, Boiling Springs, N. C.	2nd	125	2	2			8	9			108	yes	1	2	
15—St. John's	Country	1842	C. A. Abernethy, Icard, N. C.	1st	147	4	3		1	5	1		3	136		1	1	1
16—Shoup's Grove	Country		E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	1st		16	5	1	2	5			1	110		1	2	
17—St. Paul	Country	1871	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	2nd	285	24	4		1	10			2	304		1	3	
18—Walker's Chapel	Country		J. O. Summerlin, York, S. C.	3rd	81	15	1	2	1				1	116	yes	1	4	
19—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1894	J. L. Street, Casar, N. C.	2&4	184	3	5			2	2		1	189	yes	1	3	1
20—Zion Hill	Country		R. G. Short, Newton, N. C.	1st	139	1	1			4			1	135		1	2	
				Totals	2255	183	75	9	13	64	31	20	20	2590		23	31	14

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JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, R-3, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina—October 13 and 14, 1932

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION				
		Officers and Teachers	Beginners, 3-5 Years	Primaries, 6-8 Years	Juniors, 9-12 Years	Intermediates, 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Total Enrollment, including Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School
1—Abee's Chapel	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	9	14	10	12	14	16	23			98	65				3
2—Bethany	J. C. Abernethy, R-1, Hickory, N. C.	22	39	43	37	40	48	58		5	270	185	Yes	No	8	22
3—Beulah	P. Tallent, Vale, N. C.	6	16		18	22		29			91					8
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs, N. C.	11	11	15	20	12	18	32			109	90	Yes			9
5—Corinth	Ray McNeely, Morganton, N. C.	9									83	65				
6—Icard	J. B. Epps, Icard, N. C	10	25	25	29	11	26	48			174	108	Yes			8
7—Mt. Zion	R. E. Newton, Casar, N. C.	7	10	20	23	30		25			115	62				9
8—Mt. Vernon	J. F. Leatherman, Vale, N. C.	10	18	22	20	46		35			141	72	Yes		4	8
9—Mt. Gilead	J. L. Botts, Star Town, N. C.	4										60	Yes			6
10—Mull's Chapel	Lester Mull, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	8									97	70				
11—Mt. Hebron	C. M. Stroup, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	8	19	15	11	11	14	17	9			80				6
12—Olive Grove	W. M. Walker, Casar, N. C.	8									80	60			5	2
13—Pisgah	Caleb Costner, Casar, N. C.	24	19	16	22	8	9	32	8	15	145	82	Yes	Yes	20	5
14—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	6		14	10	10	15	20			69	40				
15—St. John's	J. R. Huffman, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	14	25	17	27	17	10	22			120	78	Yes		2	2
16—Shoup's Grove	D. A. Young, Icard, N. C.	10	19	18	18	23	14	25	14		141	85	Yes	Yes	4	
17—St. Paul	R. C. White Belmont, N. C.	18	9	15	23	24	32	35	4	5	147	72	Yes	Yes	8	16
18—Walker's Chapel	M. Huffman, R-4, Morganton, N. C.	9	14	23	23	30		36			126	88	Yes		3	7
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, R-1, Hickory, N. C.	10									166	91				
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	18	11	17	19	11	20	39	3		120		Yes	Yes	18	
	Totals - - -	221	248	270	314	313	222	476	38	25	2292	1453			66	111

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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association, October 13-14, 1932

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Ch'ch Own Its House of Worship	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Room?	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness On All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	W. C. Abee, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.,	Yes	1886	Wood	300	1	5		$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00		$1,000.00
2—Bethany	Lucile Abernethy, Hildebran, N. C.	Yes	1925	Brick	400	9			6,000.00	6,000.00		
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1905	Wood	500	1			1,200.00	1,200.00		800.00
4—Connelly Springs	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College, N. C.	Yes	1900	Wood	400	3			2,000.00	2,000.00		
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.	Yes		Wood	300	1			700 00	740.00		
6—Icard	T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.	Yes	1918	Wood	300	1			800.00	800.00		
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar, N. C.	Yes		Wood	250	1			400.00	400.00		
8—Mt. Vernon	E. Y. Leatherman, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1927	Brick	500	1			3,500.00	3,500.00	235.00	
9—Mt. Gilead	S. McNeely, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes		Wood	400	1						
10—Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1924	Brick	250	6	7	6	9,000.00	9,160.00		
11—Mt. Hebron	D. A. Heavner, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1930	Brick	500			6	3,500.00	3,500.00	97.17	
12—Olive Grove	C. M. Cook, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1926	Wood	500	1			1,500.00	1,620.00		
13—Pisgah	A. A. Parker, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1898	Wood	800	1			1,200.00	1,385.00		
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton,R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes		Wood	400	1			1,000.00	1,000.00		
15—St. John's	J. R. Huffman, R-3 Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1920	Wood	800	1		5	3,5 0 00	3,500.00		2,000.00
16—Shoup's Grove	O. M. Berry, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1892	Wood	300	1			1,000.00	1,100.00		700.00
17—St. Paul	C. H. Crotts, Belwood, N. C.	Yes	1871	Wood	500	1		10	2,500.00	2,500.00	70.00	
18—Walker's Chapel	Brintie Huffman, R-4, Morganton, N. C.	Yes		Wood	300	1			1 200.00	1.200.00	32.00	
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, R-1, Hickory, N. C.	Yes	1894	Wood	500	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes		Wood								1,000.00
									Tota's - $42 500.00	$53,905.00	$434.17	$5,500.00

—Pisgah owns light plant valued $185.00

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of the South Mountain Baptist Association — October 13 and 14th, 1932

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK										
		Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. and B. Y. P. U. and W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total Given by Church	Total Given by the Sunday School	Grand Total For Local Purposes Given by Church and all its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	Vadie Lowman, Valdese, N. C.	$250.00			$13.15	$ 8.38	$ 9.00	$ 3.00		$ 283.53		$ 283.53
2—Bethany	J. M. Rhoney, Hildebran, N. C.	150.00	54.50		59.57	61.02	10.00	4.00	86.75	404.84		404.84
3—Beulah	Anner Yancey, Vale, N. C.	58.00				18.90				76.00		76.00
4—Connelly Springs	Mrs. J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs, N. C.	300.00	61.52	27.00	111.42	120.85		3.00		623.79		623.79
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.	66.76				23.00		2.50	3.00	28.50	44.14	110.90
6—Icard	Mrs. T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.	193.99	19.20		18.00	31.55		3.00		265 74		265.74
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, N. C.	65.00	10.20			16.00		2.00		93.70	16.00	93.70
8—Mt. Vernon	W. F. Wesson, Vale, N. C.	300.00	35.00			40.15				375.15		375.15
9—Mt. Gilead	S. McNeely, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	35.00		48.75	6.00	25.47				115.22		115.22
10—Mull's Chapel	Lester Mull, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	240.00	18.87		9.00	37.20	3.00	.70		307.89		307.89
11—Mt. Hebron	F. Heavner, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	96.00	18.80		16.37	21.04	25.00			170.21		170.21
12—Olive Grove	A. L. Spake, Casar, N. C.	74.00			4.00	12.00			6.00	96.00		96.00
13—Pisgah	Noah Pruette, Casar, N. C.	102.54	7.00		11.40		5.00	2.10		125.94	41.24	169.78
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	104.11	5.00							109.11		109.11
15—St. John's	Nellie Wright, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C	118.00	7.00		10.00	35.00		2.00	8.00	25.00	100.00	180.00
16—Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, R-4, Hickory, N. C.	172.64			5.20	34.51	11.10		23.70	247.15		247.15
17—St. Paul	C. H. Crotts, Belwood, N. C.	154.45						1.20	6.00	161.63		161.63
18—Walker's Chapel	Raymond Keller, R-4, Morganton, N. C.	114.06		8.00	.90	14.17	2.77	1.00		126.73	14.17	140.90
19—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, R-4, Hickory, N. C.	235.50	5.00			24.00	4.00	4.00	5.25		24.00	255.95
20—Zion Hill	W. E. Ledford, Lawndale, N. C.	140.00				30.00		2.00		172.00		172.00
	Totals - -	$2,970.01	$242.09	$83 75	265 01	$553.24	$69.87	$30.50	$138.70	$3,808.13	$239.55	$4,359.49

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, R-3, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina

TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES — South Mountain Baptist Association, October 13 and 14, 1932

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for all Missions, Education and Benevolence by the Church Only	Total Given by the Sunday School	Grand Total for Missions and Benevolences Given by the Church and All Departments and Local Expense
1—Abee's Chapel	Vadie Lowman, Valdese, N. C.	$14.43	$5.00								$ 19.43		$ 302.96
2—Bethany	J. M. Rhoney, Hildebran, N. C.	51.55				46.98					98.48		506.32
3—Beulah	Anner Yancey, Vale, N. C.												76.90
4—Connelly Springs	Mrs. J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs, N. C.			54.05			90.47	19.02		10.00	173.44		797.33
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.												139.49
6—Icard	Mrs. T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.							42.08		16.40	58.48		324.22
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, N. C.												93.70
8—Mt. Vernon	W. F. Wesson, Vale, N. C.	9.05					9.49					18.54	393.69
9—Mt. Gilead	S. McNeely, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.												115.22
10—Mull's Chapel	Lester Mull, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.						7.27	1.75		13.00	14.75	7.27	329.91
11—Mt. Hebron	F. Heavner, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.			4.30	5.31			2.00					188.72
12—Olive Grove	A. L. Spake, Casar, N. C.												96.00
13—Pisgah	Noah Pruette, Casar, N. C.	6.00		4.30			9.31	1.00	1.40		10.70	11.31	191.29
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	25 00											138.11
15—St. John's	Nellie Wright, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C	10.00					10.00			5.00	25.00		205.00
16—Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, R-4, Hickory, N. C.							2.67					269.82
17—St. Paul	C. H. Crotts, Belwood, N. C.			2.75			12.20				14.95		176.58
18—Walker's Chapel	Raymond Keller, R-4, Morganton, N. C.						8.78				7.00	1.78	149.68
19—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, R-4, Hickory, N. C.			3.07			37.60	1.61				52.37	308.32
20—Zion Hill	W. E. Ledford, Lawndale, N. C.						4.00						176.00
	Totals - -	$116 03	$5.00	$68.47	$5.31	$46.98	189.12	$70.13	$1.40	$44.40	$422.33	$91.27	$4,979.26

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Mackie Huffman
J. B. Rhoney
With Moderator and Clerk

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. L. Devine
M. A. Huffman
Albert Hudson
B. H. Parker
Ovie Cook
J. J. Waldrop
W. H. Flowers
Seth Ivester
J. L. Street
Ottis Cook

PROGRAM

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotion ..... Rev. Dewey Newton
10:00—Miscellaneous
10:15—Sermon ..... Rev. C. N. Royal
11:00—Mills Home ..... S. A. Carswell
11:20—Christian Education ..... B. H. Parker
11:40—Evangelism ..... C. A. Abernethy
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon

1:15—Devotion
1:30—Sunday School ..... Guy Smith
2:15—Every-Member Canvass ..... Rev. W. H. Flowers
2:45—Two-minute report from each church
3:30—Adjournment

Thursday Night

7:00—Devotion
7:15—B.Y.P.U. ..... Rev. C. L. Devine
8:15—Woman's Work ..... Mrs. J. F. Cook

Friday Morning

9:30—Devotion ..... Rev. Otis Mull
10:00—Biblical Recorder ..... Rev. M. A. Huffman
10:30—Obituaries ..... P. M. Leatherman
11:00—Temperance ..... Rev. L. E. Snipes
11:45—Miscellaneous
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon

1:15—Devotion
1:30—Missions, State ..... A. A. Parker
2:30— " Home ..... Rev. J. R. Cantrel
3:10— " Foreign ..... Rev. J. J. Waldrop
2:30—Ministerial Relief ..... Rev. Lincolnton Denton
2:50—Organization

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 1933

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 23rd annual session with the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on October 12th, 1933.

Opened by singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Devotional by Rev. M. I. Harris. Scripture: Matthew 6th chapter, 13th verse.

Organization

The Association organized by electing L. E. Snipes Vice-Moderator and S. A. Carswell Treasurer.

The roll of churches was called and delegates were enrolled as follows:

ABEE'S CHAPEL: C. H. Lowman, Vadie Lowman and Nellie Lowman.

BETHANY: J. M. Rhoney, Mrs. J. M. Rhoney, D. H. Page, Mrs. H. L. Burns, and J. C. Abernethy.

BEULAH: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rhoney, J. O. Mull, D. C. Hoyle and A. J. Yancey.

CONNELLY SPRINGS: Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Deal, J. E. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. John Lowman, Vercie Bridges and Rev. M. A. Huffman.

CORINTH: D. E. Newton, H. G. McNeely and Odis Wortman.

ICARD: Miss Julia Carswell, P. A. Berry, Mrs. O. Chronister, J. B. Epps.

MT. ZION: E. F. Bridges, Rachel Hobson, R. E. Newton, J. R. Price, Rev. Ottis Cook.

MT. VERNON: Mrs. D. M. Tallent, Miss Vassie Upton, J. B. Leatherman, Ellis Houser and A. C. Dedwand.

MT. GILEAD: W. L. Chapman, W. M. Parker, Ernest Warlick, and S. S. McNeely.

MULL'S CHAPEL: Raymond Shuford, Clarence Marshal and Mrs. D. P. Crow.

MT. HEBRON: Bob Lowman, Ernest Stroup, Marvin Stroup and Vergie Cook.

OLIVE GROVE: O. C. Cook, H. B. Hull, Johnnie Walker, Preston Lail and Bruce Scism.

PISGAH: N. H. Parker, W. S. Johnson, Mrs. Lennie Bracket, Minnie Mace and Mrs. J. T. Buff.

PLEASANT GROVE: Lula Settlemyre, Barbara Butler, Tiney Carswell, P. A. Carswell and Sanford Butler.

ST. JOHN'S: James R. Huffman, Minnie McClurd, Nellie Wright, Z. M. Stamey, Harrell Lowman and Clyde McClurd.

SHOUP'S GROVE: John Seitz, M. D. Justus, J. A. Berry, D. D. Propst and M. G. Collins.

ST. PAUL: C. H. Crotts, J. F. Newton, E. L. Towery, V. N. Randall and J. W. Rich.

WALKER'S CHAPEL: Frank Carswell, Philo Huffman, Frank Huffman, Mackie Huffman and Mary Huffman.

WILKIE'S GROVE: Jones Greenhill, J. L. Hudson, E. E. Hildebran, Beulah Hudson, W. A. Burns, Tiney Hudson and Finley Abee.

ZION HILL: Wm. Hudson, W. S. Hoyle, D. F. Buff, S. F. Ledford and Francis Hudson.

1. The Association proceeded to business by reading the report on Mills Home. Report submitted by Rev. M. A. Huffman.

MILLS HOME

To the South Mountain Association:

Your Committee on Orphanage begs to submit the following report:

At the last annual meeting of the South Mountain Association I was appointed to do the work of commissioner of Orphanage work for the Association.

During the year I visited six of the churches. They are as follows: Connelly Springs, Icard, Mount Hebron, Shoup's Grove, St. John's and St. Paul's, and in most every case I was assured that they would do what they could for the Mills Home.

The Mills Home is a worthy institution and deserves our hearty support. Therefore, I wish to make the following recommendations:

First, that the Sunday Schools of the South Mountain Association give the first Sunday morning offering to the Mills Home.

Second, that a thank offering be taken by each church of this Association and sent directly to the Mills Home.

Third, that all offerings made to this institution be made in cash as far as possible since they know better how to buy than we know what they need in the home.

Fourth, that we bear this home and its management up in our prayers.

Fifth, that the work of commissioner of Orphanage work for the South Mountain Association be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUFFMAN.

Discussed by Rev. R. D. Covington, W. H. Flowers and C. N. Royal. Report adopted.

2. Visitors were recognized as follows: Rev. R. K.

Redwine, of First Church, Hickory; A. T. Howell; C. A. Upchurch, of Raleigh; W. R. Bradshaw, of Morganton; J. L. Martin, of Hickory; J. F. Spainhour, of Morganton; Ernest Walker; Julius Pruette, of Atlanta, Ga.; J. G. Benfield, of Morganton; S. C. Bennett, of Catawba River Association; J. Charles Berry; C. R. Bost and W. E. Bost of Caldwell.

3. The report on Biblical Recorder was submitted by James R. Huffman:

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

If one would pass in judgment all the Reports on Periodicals made to the Baptist State Convention from 1830 to 1932 he would probably decide that the best is that of Dr. Wingate to the Convention of 1857. At any rate if we had to select the report in which the function of the Biblical Recorder is best stated it would be this report of Dr. Wingate, in which he says:

"The extensive circulation of the Biblical Recorder within the bounds of our State should now be regarded as an absolute necessity to our denominational efficiency. All our local and general items of interest must be disseminated through its columns. The three great objectives of the convention are furthered mainly by its general circulation. It advocates our public interests, discusses our distinctive principles, gives circulation to our best books, guards our fold against roving imposters, gives currency to the thoughts of our leading writers, corrects and harmonizes the faith and practice of our churches, and enables us to hold a weekly communion of thought, the one with the other.

"How then can we spare our Recorder? How much should we desire to extend its circulation! We therefore heartily and earnestly recommend it to the homes and hearts of our brethren."

It is rare now-a-days that there is any roving imposter, but otherwise the situation with reference to our paper is much the same today as in Wingate's day. The one great handicap on the usefulness of the Biblical Recorder now as in the eighteen-fifties is lack of circulation. It is still true that our denomination's efficiency is bound up to a great degree with the prosperity of our denominational paper. If the Biblical Recorder went to every Baptist home in the State how it might unite the Baptists in a powerful fellowship in support of all the worthy objects, such as missions and education, and in a spiritual and intellectual fellowship pervaded by Christian love and liberality of thought. But how are we to go forward with the Lord's work when we have only one out of twelve North Carolina Baptists who has a chance to see the Recorder?

"If we do not read, we do not know;
If we do not know, we do not care;
If we do not care, we do not give;
If we do not give, we do not help;
If we do not help, we do not save."

What will the Baptists of North Carolina do to increase the Recorder's circulation? The associational season is at hand. Who will send up a club that our people may get the Baptist news and become helpers to the truth?

JAS. R. HUFFMAN.

The report was discussed by James R. Huffman and Rev. A. T. Howell. Report adopted.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Flowers, his text being the third chapter of First Corinthians. Subject: "All Things Are Yours."

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association called to order by the chair. Song, "In the Sweet By and By." Devotional by Rev. Julius Pruette. Scripture, the 46th Psalm. Prayer by C. A. Abernethy.

4. The Finance Committee was appointed, composed of the following: J. M. Walker and R. C. White. A committee to nominate an Executive Committee was appointed as follows: Austin Rhoney, J. B. Epps, J. B. Leatherman, W. S. Hoyle, W. A. Burns and Nellie Wright.

5. The report on Temperance was submitted by Rev. M. I. Harris. Discussed by J. F. Spainhour and C. A. Upchurch. Song: "Brewer's Big Horses," by P. M. Deal, and "The Drunkard's Child," by S. A. Bennette. Report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Prohibition has proven its worth in the last ten years from a social, economical and business standpoint. Prohibition has passed the experimental stage, and has more than met the expectations of those who labored so long for it. We know that the law has been broken, but we also know that all laws are broken, and that the wets have always been law breakers. They did so under legalized saloon and the government distillery. They have always been disobedient to law and always will be.

King George said if America holds on to prohibition ten years longer, Great Britain will be forced to go dry, for half-drunk Britains cannot compete with sober Americans.

Since the adoption of the 18th amendment, our annual purchase of life insurance has been doubled three and one-half times. Now over six hundred and fifty million dollars worth of insurance is in force.

Prohibition has reduced crime one-third despite increasing pop-

ulation. Prohibition has proven its worth and needs no citation to the honest, sober mind. But if Christians and good people in every walk of life do not arouse from their slumber and vote as they pray, we may soon lose all we have gained.

The standard of morals is deplorable in this, our day. Sabbath desecration. God's word about the Sabbath has come to be old-fashioned. Dancing is a great evil; gambling, card playing, swimming pools where both sexes go swimming together. The social standard is very low.

Resolved, that this Association go on record as being opposed to the repeal of the 18th amendment.

Respectfully submitted,
M. I. HARRIS.

6. The report on Cooperative Program, discussed by R. K. Redwine of Hickory. was adopted.

The Association adjourned until Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13th

At 10:00 a. m. the Association was called to order by the chair. Opening song, "Amazing Grace." Devotional by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Scripture St. John 3rd chapter, 1st verse; subject, "The Lame Man at the Door." Visitors were then recognized.

7. The report on Sunday Schools was submitted by Rev. E. L. McDaniel. Discussed by J. O. Summerlin, Rev. M. A. Huffman, C. A. Abernethy and L. H. Bumgarner. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

No work of our denomination has experienced a more pleasant growth during these last years than the Sunday Schools. The day was when a great many of our people felt that the Sunday School was for the young people alone. But that day, thank God, is gone. Now fathers and mothers meet with their children and are taught at the same hour and at the same place the precious truths of the Book of Life. We hereby beseech every child of God who is interested in better Sunday Schools to pray mightily to Almighty God to remove every hindering cause of the way of the progress of the Sunday School work in the South Mountain Association.

We have a Sunday School in each of the twenty churches. Four of these churches have reached the standard; others are striving to reach the goal and we believe if the pastors will play their part in this great work that God will give the victory. Let every pastor pray that God's will be done and line up with this great work for we believe that it is God's plan. The Sunday School's en-

rollment in the past year is 2565. Average attendance is 1746. In 1932 from the twenty churches there were 183 baptisms and 111 of these were from the Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. DANIEL.

8. C. A. Abernethy, Miss Della Rhoney and Sanford Carswell were appointed on the Program Committee. Report adopted. Program ordered printed on the first page of the Minutes.

9. The Association by acclamation re-elected the same officers: James R. Huffman, Moderator; P. M. Deal, Clerk; and L. E. Snipes, Vice-Moderator.

10. Report on Obituary, submitted by Miss Della Rhoney, was discussed by James R. Huffman, L. H. Bumgardner, E. L. McDaniel and M. A. Huffman. The Association tendered its heartfelt sympathy to the churches in behalf of their departed dead. The report follows:

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: The letters from the various churches show the number of our dead for the past year to be 23, as follows:

St. Paul: Miss May Wright and Mrs. Mary Morrison.

Shoupe's Grove: Mrs. Vinie Brittain.

St. John: W. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Mary Huffman, Mrs. Grace Huffman, Joseph Huffman.

Mull's Chapel: Mrs. Ellen Mull, Mrs. Amos Watts.

Mt. Zion: Mrs. Catherine Lookadoo.

Olive Grove: Rev. J. H. Cooke, Mrs. Nancy Hoyle, Mrs. Mary Jane Blackwood, Mrs. Eddie Ledford, Fred Ledford.

Icard: Deacon P. S. Berry, P. A. Warlick.

Walker's Chapel: Mrs. Irlene Hildebran, Ernest Smith.

Wilkie's Grove: LeRoy Hudson, Johnnie Hudson, LeRoy Fortenberry.

Zion Hill: Mrs. Amanda Sain.

Mt. Vernon: Mrs. Mary Jane Hoyle.

DELLA RHONEY,
For the Committee.

11. Report on Christian Education was submitted by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Discussed by J. R. Cantrell and Miss Lucy Brown of South Mountain School. A cash collection was taken for South Mountain School to the amount of $16.28. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The word education means "the act of leading out." Education, then, has been defined as the process and result of developing the whole nature of man. Education is, however, more than mere knowledge. Christian education seeks the culture of the spirit as well as the mind. It has in it the content which directs the

use of one's personal powers to the largest possible sphere of usefulness. It is just at this point that the Christian Schools are playing such a vital part in the life of our commonwealth. As secular education seeks the mastery of forces outside the body, Christian education would do as much and, in addition, train man to harness the spiritual forces within him.

The church has been the pioneer in the field of education. When Baptists began their educational program there was no system of schools as today. We take great pride in our expanding system of secular schools; but as the state system of schools grows we must insist that education not be completely secularized. Were all our Christian schools to close, very few would be deprived of an education, but thousands would be denied immediately the type of training which we Christians believe necessary not only for individuals but for the perpetuation of our ideals in the life of the state and nation.

History shows that Christianity has made signal and substantial progress as it has marched arm and arm with culture. The achievements of North Carolina Baptists in the last hundred years has been co-extensive with the great program of education. When the convention was organized with the purpose of giving the gospel to North Carolina and to the world there was soon felt the need of a trained leadership. Our Baptist schools were founded to meet that need. Our schools are doing an indispensable work. Let us Baptists rise up and give them what they need. Then they can function and give us what we need—an efficient corps of leaders for tomorrow. This is our task.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. CANTRELL.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by chair. Devotional by Rev. M. A. Huffman. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Waldrop.

12. Report on Place and Preacher for next session: The place of next meeting shall be at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, four miles south of Icard, N. C., on the Miller Mill road; time, on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1934, with Rev. C. N. Royal to preach the sermon.

13. Committee report on Executive Committee appointed as follows: J. B. Leatherman, chairman, with Guy Smith, D. D. Propst, L. H. Bumgarner, A. A. Parker, Austin Rhoney, S. A. Carswell, Mackie Huffman,

J. B. Rhoney and the Moderator and Clerk of the Association. The Executive Committee to call a meeting soon to transact such business as may come before the committee.

14. Report on B.Y.P.U. was submitted by Rev. C. L. Devine. Read by P. M. Deal. Discussed by L E. Snipes and J. O. Summerlin. Only three churches report a B. Y. P. U., these being Connelly Springs, with a membership of 52; Mull's Chapel, 31 members, and Mt. Hebron, with 17 members. C. L. Devine is associational director.

ASSOCIATIONAL B.Y.P.U.

The South Mountain Association is composed of 20 churches, with only a small number of our churches with B.Y.P.U. organizations.

For the lack of an organized B.Y.P.U. Association and without a car to travel we have failed somewhat the duties of an Associational B.Y.P.U. President.

The Association is divided into three B.Y.P.U. districts. We have only reached but one of these districts in electing a leader and officers.

Have had three meetings in this organized district; visited 11 of the 20 churches in this Association, with the privilege of speaking in 10 of the churches we visited; wrote 13 letters and cards; taught three B.Y.P.U. courses; have traveled over two hundred miles in car and walked 18 miles in interest of B.Y.P.U. work in our Association. In all have traveled more than 240 miles over the Association during the Associational year. Also attended the Western Reginal B.Y.P.U. convention at Boone this year.

Pastors, delegates and workers, there is much B.Y.P.U. work needed to be done in this Association. Go, try to enlist more of our young people in B.Y.P.U. to train themselves in service for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. DEVINE,
Asso. B.Y.P.U. Pres.

15. The Every-Member Canvass was discussed by Jas. R. Huffman.

Ministerial Relief was discussed by Rev. J. J. Waldrop.

Rev. M. A. Huffman was appointed a delegate to the State Convention.

A resolution was passed that M. A. Huffman and P. M. Deal be appointed to find some way of securing blind literature for the blind Baptists of the South.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, we have in the bounds of our Association a number

of blind people and we have no way of supplying them with the necessary Christian Literature, namely, the Bible and Christian periodicals such as we, the less unfortunate, enjoy; and whereas, we feel that we are indebted to them at least to the extent that we make an effort to supply their needs along this line.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we appoint a committee to investigate and find out what can be done and the cost of same and report back to this body in its 1934 session.

J. J. WALDROP.

The Foreign Missions report was submitted by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. Adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Sometimes our people ask if Foreign Missions are making any headway or if Foreign Missionary efforts are worth while. To this we can say that progress is being made and that the efforts put forth are eminently worth while. Last year despite the depression and the program of retrenchment which the board was forced to inaugurate, Southern Baptists gained more members on the foreign field than in any previous year in foreign missionary history. There are 2,654 Baptist churches in the foreign field, and out of these, 1990 are self supporting churches, a record that is hardly equalled by the churches of this State. It is significant that in a budget of approximately $600,000 adopted by the foreign mission board, these churches on the foreign field contributed $353,000, or practically half of all the money given the foreign board on the foreign field.

Only 193,000 members of Missionary Baptist Churches made contributions to mission work last year and about 18,000 converts were taken into the churches last year. Missionaries in China and Brazil have agreed to give one-fourth of their salaries of $800.00 in order to continue to employ native workers, who had to be cut off because of the reduced budget.

Can we not make something of the sacrifice that these missionaries are making? Your committee would close this report with a most earnest plea for more liberality and a greater degree of interest on the part of the churches in our association to the great work of evangelizing the world.

W. R. BRADSHAW.

Report on Home Missions was submitted by Rev. C. A. Abernethy. Adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission program of Jesus is outlined in the first chapter of Acts. We cannot be missionary and not believe in home missions.

Administration. The board reduced its budget, and lived with-

in its income and paid $89,357.61 on the principal of its debt. Since October, 1928, the board has paid $690,378.11 on the principal of its debt reducing the debt from $2,364,380 as October 1, 1928, to $1,674,002.80 as of May 1, 1933. If the receipts of the board could be maintained at $450,000 a year the board would be able to materially increase its mission work and would at the same time be able to retire its indebtedness within ten years .

The Lord Blessing the Work. The mission work of the Home Mission Board has been greatly blessed during the past year.

Work Among the Foreigners. We have 38 workers supplying 157 churches and mission stations. 19 new missions opened up last year. 3 mission schools with an enrollment of 491, with 71 ministerial students, and report 178 baptisms.

Work Among the Indians. We have 21 workers and 40 churches and missions. Last year the missionaries reported 493 additions to the churches.

Work Among the Negroes. 8 workers among the negroes, reported 591 additions to the churches.

Work In Cuba. Dr. M. N. McCall reports 44 churches and 39 missions. Additions this year 336.

Work in Panama. We have 7 mission churches in Panama; one is self supporting. The membership of these churches is about 800.

Home Missions In the Future. The work of the Home Mission Board is just as necessary today in bringing in the Kingdom as it has ever been. In fact, the Home Mission task is larger, more difficult and more important than ever before.

That the work ought to be done today is more vitally related to the whole task of the denomination than it has ever been at any period in our history.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. ABERNETHY.

A Resolution of Thanks, submitted by Rev. J. J. Waldrop, was adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, that we, the messengers and visitors from the various churches, express our hearty thanks and appreciation to the good people of Pleasant Grove Church and community for their generous hospitality and splendid fellowship demonstrated while in their midst.

J. J. WALDROP.

A collection was taken for the United Dry Forces which amounted to $5.38.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minute Fund	$36.61
Clerk's report of last year's Minutes printing of 1932—	
Cost	$33.38
Mailing	2.00
Clerk fee	4.32
Total	$39.70

Minute fund for 1933—$36.61

The Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Hebron Church four miles south of Icard, N. C., on the Miller Mill Road, on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1934, at 10:00 a. m.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator.
P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

Constitution

1. This Association shall be called **"The South Mountain Baptist Association.**

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young Peoples Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually seven members who shall constitute an Executive Committee of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for that session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

TABLE 1—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Association, for October 12-13, 1933

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City, or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances Lord's Supper During Yr	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported Last Year	Gains				Losses				Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1886	C. A. Abernethy, Icard, N. C.	1-3	75	10	1			3		14		69		1	1	
2—Bethany	Village	1893	C. N. Royal, Morganton, N. C.	1-3	205	24	7	1		6			1	230		1	2	5
3—Beulah	Country	1905	J. L. Street, Casar, N. C.	1	54	7	5			4	1			61		1	1	
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1900	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton, N. C.	3	185	16	9			3				204	yes	1		
5—Corinth	Country	1884	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	3	86	3			2	4				87	yes	1	1	
6—Icard	Village	1918	W. H. Flowers, Icard, N. C.	1-3	109		3			2			2	108	yes	1		
7—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	Ottis Cook, Lawndale, N. C.	3	140	11	4			1		1	2	151		1	4	2
8—Mt. Vernon	Country		J. R. Cantrell, Newton, N. C.	2-4	155	3	2			9				151		1	1	3
9—Mt. Gilead	Country		W. S. Jones, Shelby, N. C.	1										100	yes	2		
10—Mull's Chapel	Country		J. J. Waldrop, Vale, N. C.	2-4	83	6	1					10	1	75		1	1	1
11—Mt. Hebron	Country	1918	M. I. Harris, Valdese, N. C.	1-3	61	13	1		1					73			1	
12—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Shelby, N. C.	4	140	7	1			2			5	141	yes	1	4	
13—Pisgah	Country	1840	E. L. McDaniel, Shelby, N. C.	3	83	5	1							89		1	1	
14—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	L. E. Snipes, Morganton, N. C	2	108					2	1		2	104	yes	1	1	
15—St. John's	Country	1842	C. A. Abernethy, Icard, N. C.	1	137	14						7	4	140	yes	2	1	1
16—Shoup's Grove	Country	1892	E. L. McDaniel, Shelby, N. C.	1	110	5	9			4			1	119		1	1	
17—St. Paul	Country	1871	E. L. McDaniel, Shelby, N. C.	2	304	12				8	3		2			1	4	2
18—Walker's Chapel	Country		E. L. McDaniel, Shelby, N. C.	3	116	11					11		2	116	yes	1	4	
19—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1894	J. L. Street, Casar, N. C.	2-4	189	14	1			2	12		3	185		1	3	
20—Zion Hill	Country		Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	1	135	3	4	1		2			1	140		1	2	
				Total - - -	2475	164	49	2	3	52	28	32	26	2343		21	33	14

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TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina—October 12 and 13, 1933

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION								
		Beginners, 3-5 Years	Primaries, 6-8 Years	Juniors, 9-12 Years	Intermediates, 13-16 Years	Young People, 17-24 Years	Adults, 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3	Officers and Teachers	Home Department	Total Enrollment, including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have you a Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment of Mission Sunday School	Did you hold a Daily Vacation Bible Sch'l?	Average Attendance Daily Vacation Sch'l
1—Abee's Chapel	Floyd Lowman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	6	8	6	6	10	10	5	8		59	59	Yes			10				
2—Bethany	J. C. Abernethy, Hildebran, N. C.	23	28	37	40	37	44		14		229	180	Yes		8	23	Yes			
3—Beulah	Pinkney Tallent, Vale, N. C.	20		14	14		28		6		82	50				7				
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs, N. C.	25	22	20	20	22	54		15		178	130	Yes		12	16				
5—Corinth	Odes Wortman, Casar, N. C.								8		108	52				3				
6—Icard	J. B. Epps, Icard,N. C.	15	18	25	11	25	45		9		140									
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, N. C.	18	18	20	22		22		7		120	75				10				
8—Mt. Vernon	J. F. Leatherman, Vale, N. C	18	16	23	15	23	29		10		134	85	Yes		5	1				
9—Mt. Gilead	Edith Clark, Connelly Springs, N. C.																			
10—Mull's Chapel	Lester Mull, Connelly Springs, N. C.	7	8	18	21	14	24		14		106	63	Yes							
11—Mt. Hebron	Edna Taylor, Connelly Springs, N. C.	18	15	11	11	10	15	5	9		96	75	Yes			11				
12—Olive Grove	Johnie Walker, Casar, N. C.								8		94	75				7				
13—Pisgah	Noah Pruette, Casar, N. C.	8	10	16	9	5	22	15	15	15	108	49				5				
14—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, Connelly Springs. N. C.	5	8		13	12	20		8		58									
15—St. John's	James R. Huffman, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.		23	15	25	12	23		9		98	63				13				
16—Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, Hickory, N. C.	23	26	20	12	14	59	14	10		178		Yes		4	2				
17—St. Paul	L. H. Bumgardner, Casar, N. C.	9	14	20	21	28	21	14	16	6	154	65	Yes	Yes	11	12	Yes	20	Yes	18
18—Walker's Chapel	Mackie Huffman, Morganton, N. C.	12		21	10	15	25		7		90	82	Yes		3					
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, N. C.										133	133				14				
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs, N. C.	6	12	14	18	16	38	4	16		108	95	Yes	Yes	12					
	Total - - -	219	226	280	268	243	479	57	189	21	2273	1331			55	134		20		18

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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association, October 12, 1933

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Ch'ch Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Asembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Total Value of all Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	W. C. Abee, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1886	Wood	300	1	5		$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00		$1,000.00
2—Bethany	Lucile Abernethy, Hildebran, N. C.	Yes	1925	Brick	400	9			6,000.00	6,000.00		
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1905	Wood	400	1			1,000.00	1,000.00		800.00
4—Connelly Springs	J E. Wilson, Rutherford College, N. C.	Yes	*	Brick	500							
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.	Yes	1884	Wood	300	1			740.00	740.00		
6—Icard	T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.	Yes	1918	Wood	300	1			800.00	800.00		
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar, N. C.	Yes		Wood	250	1	1	1	400.00	400.00		
8—Mt. Vernon	Kermit Pendleton, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1927	Brick	500	1			3,500.00	3,500.00		
9—Mt. Gilead	S. S. McNeely, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes		Wood	400	1			800.00	800.00		
10—Mull's Chapel	Ola Mull, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1923	Brick	450	6			9,000.00	9,000.00		
11—Mt. Hebron	D. A. Heavner, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1930	Brick	300	3		6	4,000.00	4,000.00	160.00	
12—Olive Grove	C. M. Cook, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1926	Wood	500	1			1,550.00	1,600.70		
13—Pisgah	A. A. Parker, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1933	Brick	600	10		10	1,800.00	2,000.00		
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1876	Wood	300	1			1,000.00	1,100.00		
15—St. John's	Jas. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1920	Wood	800	1		6	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	
16—Shoup's Grove	O. M. Berry, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1892	Wood	300	1			1,500.00	1,500.00	35.00	700.00
17—St. Paul	J. W. Rich, Belwood, N. C.	Yes	1871	Wood	1000	1	10	10	2,500.00	2,500.00	65.00	
18—Walker's Chapel	Brintie Huffman, Morganton, N C.	Yes		Wood	300	1			1,200.00	1,200.00	36.00	
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, N. C.	Yes	1895	Wood	400	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes		Wood	300	1		5	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,000.00
	*Being Built			Totals		-	-		$43,790.00	$44,140.70	$2,296.00	$3,500.00

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of the South Mountain Baptist Association—Oct. 12, 1933

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK											
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total Given by Church	Total Given by the Sunday School	Grand Total For Local Purposes Given by Church and all its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	Vadie Lowman, Valdese, N. C.	$ 200.00		$ 11.00			$ 14.00		$ 3.00				$ 228.00
2—Bethany	J. M. Rhoney, Hildebran, N. C.	180.00		65.00	208.82		57.96	4.21	4.00		614.90	140.26	520.16
3—Beulah	Anner Yancey, Vale, N. C.	67.15		6.50			20.00						93.65
4—Connelly Springs	Mrs. J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs, N. C.	300.00	60.00	6.00	1,270.90	148.50	111.95	5.00	3.00				1,905.35
5—Corinth	E. M. Hull, Casar, N. C.	42.84			29.53				2.00				72.37
6—Icard	T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.	130.61		41.68		15.61	58.46	10.00	3.00				259.36
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, N. C.	68.00		22.69			17.27	8.00				17.27	115.67
8—Mt. Vernon	Miss L. Leatherman, Vale, N. C.	300.00				5.00	40.15	10.50	2.35	25.00	342.85	40.15	383.00
9—Mt. Gilead	S. S. McNeely, Connelly Springs, N. C.	35.00	6.00	8.00			8.00						57.00
10—Mull's Chapel	J. B. Rhoney, Connelly Springs, N. C.	120.00		6.00		10.00	32.00		1.05				169.05
11—Mt. Hebron	Esther Layle, Connelly Springs, N. C.	86.00	17.88	9.75	460.85	53.59	40.15				668.33		668.33
12—Olive Grove	O. C. Cook, Casar, N. C.						10.00						
13—Pisgah	Clint Parker, Casar, N. C.	91.00			1,500.00	5.00	32.00		.40		1,630.98		1,630.98
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C.	96.00			35.00		8.00		2.35	22.00	141.25		141.25
15—St. John's	Nellie Wright, Connelly Springs, N. C.	100.00		25.00		10.00	20.98		2.00	12.50	179.48		179.48
16—Shoup's Grove	C. Crotts, Icard, N. C.	165.00			225.00	4.15	39.74		5.00		439.77		439.77
17—St. Paul	C. H. Crotts, Belwood, N. C.	95.52			60.00		29.60	2.50			187.32		187.32
18—Walker's Chapel	Raymond Keller, Morganton, N. C.	80.00	15.50	16.11			10.68	37.00	2.25		150.86	10.68	161.54
19—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, N. C.	190.55		10.66		1.95		8.96	3.00		206.16		206.16
20—Zion Hill	W. E. Ledford, Lawndale, N. C.	125.00		28.95		4.00	60.00		2.40	23.30	243.65	6.00	249.65
	Totals -	$2,472.97	$99.38	$257.34	$3790.10	$257.90	$612.34	$86.17	$35.80	$82.80	$4805.55	$214.36	$7,668.09

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TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES—
South Mountain Baptist Association, October 12-13, 1933

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Total Given by the Sunday School	Grand Total for Missions and Benevolences Given by the Church and All Departments
1—Abee's Chapel	Mrs. Vadie Lowman, Valdese, N. C.									
2—Bethany	J. M. Rhoney, Hildebran, N. C.									
3—Beulah	Anner Yancey, Vale, N. C.									
4—Connelly Springs	Mrs. J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs, N. C.						43.00	6.00		49.00
5—Corinth	E. M. Hull, Casar, N. C.									
6—Icard	T. W. Eckard, Icard, N. C.						11.79	4.80		16.59
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, N. C.						6.27		8.75	15.02
8—Mt. Vernon	Lula Leatherman, Vale, N. C.						3.00	3.50	3.00	6.50
9—Mt. Gilead	S. S. McNeely, Connelly Springs, N. C.									
10—Mull's Chapel	J. B. Rhoney, Connelly Springs, N. C.						12.00	1.75		13.75
11—Mt. Hebron	Esther Layle, Connelly Springs, N. C.				1.30	14.32	34.26	7.00		56.88
12—Olive Grove	O. C. Cook, Casar, N. C.									
13—Pisgah	Clint Parker, Casar, N. C.									
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C						1.10			1.10
15—St. John's	Nellie Wright, Connelly Springs, N. C.		15.00				10.00			25.00
16—Shoup's Grove	Cayton Crotts, Icard, N. C.									
17—St. Paul	C. H. Crotts, Belwood N. C.			2.32			3.90			6.22
18—Walker's Chapel	Raymond Keller, Morganton, N. C.						9 53		9.53	9.53
19—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, N. C.			1.72			33.54	2.56		43.82
20—Zion Hill	W. E. Ledford, Lawndale, N. C.	6 00								6.00
	Total - -	$6 00	$15.00	$4.04	$1.30	$14.32	$168.30	$25.61	$21.28	$249.41

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Marvin Stroup
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Claude Crotts
J. M. Huffman
W. A. Burns
Wm. Hudson

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. L. Devine
M. A. Huffman
Albert Hudson
B. H. Parker
Ovie Cook
J. J. Waldrop
Seth Ivester
J. L. Street
Ottis Cook
J. O. Mull

PROGRAM

First Day—Forenoon

10:00—Devotion
10:15—Enrollment of Messengers
10.30—Mills Home ---------- M. I. Harris
11:00—Religious Literature
11:30—Sermon ---------- M. A. Huffman
12:15—Miscellaneous
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotion
1:45—Reports from Churches
2:15—Co-operative Program
1. State Missions ---------- J. J. Waldrop
2. Home Missions ---------- C. A. Abernethy
3. Foreign Missions ---------- L. H. Bumgarner
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment.

Second Day—Forenoon

9:30—Devotion
9:45—Co-operative Program
1. Christian Education ---------- Seth Ivester
2. Hospitals ---------- P. M. Deal
3. Old Ministers' Relief ---------- Ottis Mull
10:30—Woman's Work ---------- Mrs. J. R. Cantrell
11:00—Sunday Schools ---------- E. L. McDaniel
11:30—Digest of Letters
12:00—Miscellaneous
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotion
1:45—B. Y. P. U. ---------- Carl Devine
2:15—Temperance ---------- J. R. Cantrell
3:00—Election of Officers for Succeeding Year
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 18, 1934

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 24th annual session with Mount Hebron Baptist Church on October 18th, 1934. Devotional by Rev. Dewey Newton. Scripture 13th chapter of St. John.

Called to order by Moderator James R. Huffman.

Roll of Churches called and delegates enrolled as follows

ABEE'S GROVE: C. H. Lowman, Mrs. Odis Lowman, Mrs. John Abee, Miss Azalee Lowman, Mrs. Fannie Heavner, and Odis Lowman.

BETHANY: J. B. Setzer, Mrs. J. B. Setzer, Mrs. J. M. Rhoney, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burgin, and Mrs. Eugene Johnson.

BEULAH: J. O. Mull, C. O. Mull, and Z. A. Costner

CONNELLY SPRINGS: John Lowman, Mrs. John Lowman, P. M. Deal, and Rev. M. A Huffman

CORINTH: Rev. D. E. Newton and Marvin McNeely.

ICARD: J. L. Finger, J. L. Brindle, S. A. Carswell and Mrs. Clarence Chronister.

MT. ZION: Rev. Ottis Cook.

MT. VERNON: P. M. Leatherman, Mrs. Alfred Gantt, Mrs. A. C. Leatherman, Mrs. J. A. Berton, Mrs. Luther Houser and J. B. Leatherman.

MT. GILEAD: Not represented

MULL'S CHAPEL: J. L. Mull, J. B. Rhoney, A. C. Peeler, Mrs. Sanford Cline and Mrs. L. L. Mull

MT. HEBRON: R. W. Lowman, G. O. Stroup, G. A. Hildebrand and Vera Stroup.

OLIVE GROVE: Lee Parker, A. T. Spake and Bruce Scism.

PISGAH: A. A. Parker, W. S. Johnson, Levina Bracket, Minnie Mace, Pauline Mace and Sarah H. Mace.

PLEASANT GROVE: J. R. Carswell, Mrs. P. A. Carswell, Miss Hester Carswell, Celia Carswell, and Mrs Lula Settlemyre.

ST. JOHN'S: James R. Huffman, Mrrs. Medie Franklin, Z. M. Stamey and Nellie Wright

SHOUP'S GROVE: C. W. Croats, Mrs. C. W. Croats, O. M. Berry, A. P. Propst, Charley Taylor and D. D. Propst.

ST. PAUL'S: L. H. Bumgardner, R. C. White, R. A. Newton and Ernest Towery.

WALKER'S CHAPEL: J. M. Huffman, Katie Huffman, Horace Huffman and Flavie Huffman.

WILKIE'S GROVE: W. J. Burns, Jennie Crump, W. A. Burns, J. P. Brittain and John Young.

ZION HILL: W. S. Hoyle, Horace Pruett, Leon Bradshaw, Amos Pruette, Mintie Hoyle, Billie Bruette, Mary Pruette, Avery Cook and Frank Buff.

The Association elected R. C. White Vice-Moderator to fill the vacancy of L. E. Snipes.

The annual sermon, next in order, was delivered by Rev. J. R. Cantrell, taking as his text the 26th chapter of Acts and 19th verse. Subject: "Obedience to the Heavenly Vision."

Prayer by Rev. David Wesson, of the Gaston Association.

1. The Association proceeded to business by appointing a Committee on Digest, consisting of Miss Nellie Wright, A. A. Parker and Ottis Cook.

2. The report on Mills Home was read and discussed by the following brethren: S. A. Carswell, James R. Huffman, Rev. M. A. Huffman, L. H. Bumgardner, Lester Mull, E. L. McDaniel, O. M. Berry, and Rev. J. C. McMillan, pastor of Mills Home. Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The orphanage is composed of two homes—Thomasville and the Kennedy Home. On December 31, 1933, Thomasville had 491 children; Kennedy Home had 136, a total of 627—286 boys and 341 girls. During the year the home received 75 and discharged 82.

The management of the Home is under the supervision of Brother I. G. Greer.

God has placed these children in our care. Let us be faithful to the charge.

We ask that each church send their first Sunday offering to the orphanage, and that a Thanksgiving offering be taken in each church and sent to the Home. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these little ones ye did it to me." So let us do our best for these children that are in our care.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. CARSWELL.

3. The report on Christian Education was read by Rev. B. H. Parker and discussed by Rev. B. H. Parker and Dr. Sams of Mars Hill College. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If we are to be developed spiritually and lead a good life, we must seek after the truth. Christian Education seeks to develop all the powers of the spiritual man and to bring them where they may be useful to others.

There is a wide difference between education and Christian Education. It has been said that it made no difference where, but it does A pupil may learn mere knowledge under an ungodly man; but, if the teacher is a God-fearing man, there is a wide difference.

The Baptists of North Carolina years ago felt the need of trained leaders. Therefore they established schools for the purpose of training preachers and workers. Since that time, religion and schools have gone hand in hand.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. PARKER.

The following visitors were recognized at this time: David Wesson, of the Gaston Association; J. L. Martin, of South Fork Association; W. A. Carswell, of Catawba River Association, and D. W. Alexander, of the Methodist Church of Connelly Springs, N. C.

The young ministers of the Association, O. M. Mull and Dewey Newton, were recognized.

4. The chair appointed a Committee on Place and Preacher for the next session—Lester Mull, J. M. Huffman and A. T. Spake—who submitted the following report:

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher, beg to submit the following report: That the next session of the South Mountain Association meet with Mt. Vernon Baptist Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1935. Sermon by Rev. Seth Ivester; alternate, Rev. M. A. Huffman.

5. Committee was appointed to nominate Executive Committee. The Association amended its Constitution so as to elect 20 instead of 7 on its Executive Committee. The committee, consisting of J. B. Rhoney, J. F. Finger and Ernest Towery, submitted the following report:

We, your committee, submit the following brethren as members of the Executive Committee: Lester Mull, C. H. Lowman, J. E. Burgin, Austin Rhoney, Guy Smith, Dewey Newton, J. B. Epps, R. Price, John Leatherman, S. S. McNeely, Marvin Stroup, A. T. Spake, A. A. Parker, J. L. Denton, R. C Franklin, D. D. Propst, Claud Crotts, J. M. Huffman, W. A. Burns and Wm. Hudson.

These were all approved by the Association.

6. The chair appointed a finance committee as follows:

W. A. Burns, P. A. Berry and Mrs. Lester Mull. This committee submitted the following report:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report. We have collected for Minutes and Clerk as follows:

Abee's Grove	$3.00
Zion Hill	2.50
Wilkie's Grove	3.00
Icard	3.00
Mt. Vernon	3.00
Walker's Chapel	1.00
Mt. Zion	2.00
Pleasant Grove	2.00
Pisgah	2.00
Corinth	2.00
Mt. Hebron	2.00
Olive Grove	2.00
St. Paul	2.10
Mull's Chapel	1.00
Bethany	4.00
Connelly Springs	4.00
St. John's	2.00
Total	$40.60

The Association adjourned one hour for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with singing "Wonderful Words of Life." Devotional by Rev. E. L. McDaniel. Scripture Matt. 22:1-5.

The Association was called to order by the chair and proceeded to business by calling for Report on Sunday Schools.

7. The report on Sunday Schools was submitted by Rev. E. L. McDaniel and discussed by E. L. McDaniel and Rev. J. R. Cantrell. The report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

I wish to submit the following report: Every church in the Association has a Sunday School, with a gain of 300 over last year. This was brought about by the revivals that were held in te 16 churches in the Association. What a great work was done. God did bless us in this great work. We believe that it is God's plan given to man. I wish that every preacher and every superintendent would line up in this great work. We all need to be workers together for God and lead the lost to Jesus, the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world. Let us all work

and pray for a greater revival in the Sunday Schools in 1935. We see the need of it, for Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not." We believe that Jesus is speaking. Throw man in this grat plan. Come unto me all that are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take God's word for it and pray for one another. I want to be a worker for the Lord. Don't you?

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. McDANIEL.

8. Rev. E. L. McDaniel was elected President of Sunday School Convention, and Wm. Hudson secretary, for the coming year.

9. No report on Every Member Canvass.

10. At this time reports and short talks were heard by the delegates from the various churches.

Motion to adjourn until 7 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY NIGHT, 7 O'CLOCK

The session opened by singing "At The Cross." Devotion by Rev. J. A. Martin. Scripture 1st Ps. Prayer by J. A. Martin.

The Association was called to order by the chair.

11. The report on BYPU was taken up and discussed by J. E. Burgin, J. L. Martin, C. M. Stroup, P. M. Deal and C. A. Abernethy. Report adopted

12. No W.M.U. report, as only one church, Mt. Vernon, has an organization.

The Association adjourned until Friday morning. Dismissed by R. C. White.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19, 1934

Session opened by singing "Higher Ground." Devotion by Rev. M. A. Huffman. Romans 2nd chapter, 23rd verse. Prayer by M. A. Huffman.

The Association was called to order by the chair.

13. The Program Committee is composed of P. M. Deal, John Leatherman and B. H. Parker. The report appears on front page.

J. C. McMillan, of the Mills Home, was recognized.

14. Report on Biblical Recorder, submitted by Rev. M.

A. Huffman and discussed by B. H. Parker and J. C. McMillan, of Mills Home, was heard at this time. Report adopted.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

If one would pass in judgment all the reports on periodicals made to the Baptist State Convention from 1831 to 1932 he would probably decide that the best is that of Dr. Wingate to the convention of 1857. At any rate if we had to select the report in which the function of the Biblical Recorder is best stated it would be this report of Dr. Wingate in which he says, the extensive circulation of The Biblical Recorder within the bounds of our State should now be regarded as an absolute necessity to our denominational efficiency. All our local and general items of interest must be disseminated through its columns. The three great objectives of the convention are furthered mainly by its general circulation. It advocates our public interests, discusses our distinctive principals, gives circulation to our best books and guards our fields against roving imposters.

The textile industry has a paper and it is read very extensively by textile workers. The fraternities of the country have periodicals through which their members are kept informed of their doings.

The Biblical Recorder serves the Baptists of North Carolina as a weekly messenger and should be read by more of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HUFFMAN.

15. Report on Obituaries, submitted by A. A. Parker, was as follows:

We, your committee, find that during the past year there has been 24 of our members who have gone to their reward. Their names are as follows: Mrs. Janie Richard, J. M. Rhoney, Ada Lowman, John Vanhorn, Naomi Lail, Miss Cono Brittain, C. C. Crotts, Miss Lathie Chapman, G. W. Cotk, Lewis Huffman, Callie Pruette, Arch Hudson, Berry Swink, Miss Hattie Houser, Mentie Buff, Miss Pauline Propst, Dennis Powell, Dolph Ervin, V. Brittain, James Cook, Mrs. W. W. Berry, Mrs. Thomas Lowery, Jones Greenhill and Zena Stamey.

Report adopted.

Prayer by M. A. Huffman.

16. The report on Temperance, by M. I. Harris, was next in order. Report was discussed by M. I. Harris, M. A. Huffman, James R. Huffman, J. R. Cantrell, P. M. Deal, and P. M. Leatherman. Adopted.

17. A committee was appointed to change time of

meeting of Association to one month earlier, but failed to pass.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Dismissed by Rev. M. I. Harris.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Devotional by Rev. B. H. Barker. Scripture reading 48th Psalm. Prayer by B. H. Parker.

The Association was called to order by the chair.

18. Report on State Missions was submitted and read by A. A. Parker. Discussed by M. A. Huffman. Report adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

For more than a hundred years the Baptist Convention has had a progressive State Missions program. We now find about fifty per-cent of all church members in the State are members of the Baptist churches. The work of the board through all these years has been to give the Gospel to the poor, aiding of the work of weak churches, in building and of proper ministerial service.

However, due to the failing off of funds, many churches that did receive aid are receiving none.

For many years State Missions through the Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. departments have stimulated the growth of Sunday Schools by improving the teaching staff. Let every church remember State Mission Day in this Association and on that day make a worthy free-will offering for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. PARKER.

19. Report on Home Missions was submitted by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Discussed by M. A. Huggins. Report adopted.

HOME MISSION REPORT

What we mean by the term Home Mission, is the mission activities within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention under the supervsion of the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta and organized in 1845. The work began with meager forces and resources, but steadily grew in scope and power until the Board has become one of the greatest factors in America for the salvation and development of our national life. That the South is the most Christian part of America is largely due to the great work

of our Home Mission Board and the blessings of God on its labors.

In the past year we had to experience the loss of two of our board men and we bow in sorrow as we record the home-going of Dr. F. L. Hardy of Alabama and Dr. L. A. Henderson of Georgia.

The Board has operated during the past year under very trying financial conditions, but by exceedingly good, thoughtful management and exercising the most exacting economy it has been able to live within its income and in the calendar year of 1933 paid $61,-346.92 on the principal of its debts. It has also added a few new missionaries to its force.

The March week of Prayer offering of the Woman's Missionary Union has reached $67,293.47 by May the 1st. This amount has enabled the Board to carry on its work as now projected and will also provide for the employment of six new missionaries. These, together with the ones provided for by special designations, will give the Board twenty-six new missionaries.

Our denominational papers of the Southern Baptist Convention have greatly helped in our publicity work this past year by giving, at a nominal rate, one page a month for "News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work." As we view the work that our denominational papers have done for Our Home Mission Program alone, we are made to feel that no better missionary service could be rendered by our churches than to make the circulation of our papers in their membership a part of their enlistment task.

The Hundred Thousand Club has aided greatly toward the paying of the debts of the agencies. While the receipts have not been as large as we hoped, at the same time they have been sufficient to prove the value of the movement. The Home Board has received up to May the first $18,729.03 from the club. All of which will be applied on the debt.

Missions in the homeland embrace all the work fostered by the board among the foreign speaking people, the Indians, the Negroes, the deaf and the work in the large cities. Our missionaries report 1,701 baptisms, 1,096 other conversions, making a total of 2,787 won to Christ in the last year.

Baptists, both from their peculiar doctrine and numbers, have the greatest opportunities and obligations to hold this great section for Christ, and make it a centre from which shall go out mighty forces of world redemption. To strengthen our Home Mission work is to strengthen the things that tend to enthrone Christ and crown Him Lord of all.

Through the following departments the Home Mission Board seeks to further the Kingdom of Our Lord in the South: Cooperative Missions, Enlistment, Evangelism, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, Cuba, Panama, Soldiers and Sea-

men, Publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium, and Church Extension.

The faithful men and women with their meager salaries are worthy of the sympathy and prayers of every member of every Baptist Church in our Southland.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. CANTRELL.

20. Report on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Discussed by J. R. Cantrell and M. A. Huggins, combining State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Old Ministers' Relief and Hospitals all in one discussion. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Even during the dark months of the depression there were a few friends of God in the South who actively believed this promise from the Word of God. They kept their eyes stayed on Christ, their hearts full of faith and marched forward unafraid of the depression and undaunted by besetting difficulties. While it was yet midnight dark, they claimed victory through their faith in Christ. Today bugle notes of victory are already sounding around the world. Forward is the clarion call. A new day has dawned for foreign missions.

Financially speaking, the Foreign Mission Board has stayed within its budget. This is the firm resolve for all the future. The debts have been reduced in a great way during the past few months. Since January 1, 1933, the Foreign Mission Board has paid more than $86,000 for interest and $125,000 on the principal of the debts, thus bringing the debt down from $1,115,000 to $990,000 in sixteen months. The Board is indeed grateful to Baptists everywhere for their part in helping to wipe out the debt.

The percentage of increase in budget receipts for the first four months of 1934 over the same period of 1933 is 25.49%. The increase in cooperative program receipts for the same period is $26,500. The increase in designated gifts is $28,000. And the gross increase for the same period is $94,000. The increase in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to foreign missions for 1934 over the offering of 1933 is $46,000. From the Hundred Thousand Club the Foreign Mission Board has received $32,000 to date. All of this was paid on the debt.

Because Woman's Missionary Union exceeded her goal by $46,000, and because of special gifts from friends and churches, the Board was able to dedicate fifteen new missionaries at the Southern Bap-

tist Convention in May. All of these go out to replace fallen heroes of the Cross. May other gaps soon be filled!

Indications of this sure response of Southern Baptists to God's call are observed in many other and divers ways, besides gifts. More Baptists are reading and studying about missions. Schools of missions, mission study classes, special Sunday school and church missionary rallies are being held monthly here and yonder throughout the South. More people are praying definitely by name for missionaries and their work, writing them letters, and thinking about missions.

Every month there is a full page of foreign mission news in every State Baptist paper, and there are five full pages of foreign mission's last minute news in the Home and Foreign Fields every month. People everywhere are reading these pages that they may be missionary intelligent in praying and otherwise. Many church groups are using these facts for current missionary event moments at the opening of all services.

Faithfully, loyally the missionaries at home on furlough are giving their services free throughout the eight districts of the South. They are ever ready to direct schools of missions, teach classes, speak, or do anything to promote keener missionary spirit among any Baptist group.

From the fields of the fourteen countries where Southern Baptists proclaim the Gospel, there comes news that thrills the soul. A spirit of revival is sweeping the fields. Turning from old things that do not satisfy, multitudes are seeking Salvation, and the missionaries are over-worked, but rejoice in it all. More churches are becoming self-supporting. Many are catching the missionary vision themselves and seeking to have a part, also, in evangelizing the world. Last year the 191,073 Baptists on the several fields gave $349,092.03 unto the Lord, while 4,066,140 Southern Baptists in the homeland gave only $4,951,011.00 to missions and benevolences in 1932.

But for all this work in these 14 countries Southern Baptists have only 394 missionaries. Seven years ago there were 544. These figures themselves tell a story of closed hospitals and schools, abandoned stations and forsaken native workers, over-worked missionaries and lost opportunities. But the days of retreat have passed. The foreign mission work is facing forward and onward. Already great victories for Christ are being won.

21. Organization and election of officers for the coming year was next in order. James R. Huffman was elected Moderator; R. C. White, Vice-Moderator; P. M. Deal, Clerk, and S. A. Carswell, Treasurer.

22. The following resolution of thanks to entertaining church, Mt. Hebron, were presented:

Resolved that we, the messengers and visitors from the various churches, express our thanks and appreciation to the good people of Mt. Hebron Church and community for the generous hospitality and splendid fellowship manifested while in their midst.

J. R. CANTRELL.

23. The following delegates were appointed to the State convention: Rev. M. I. Harris, Rev. J. R. Cantrell and Rev. C. A. Abernethy.

24. The Clerk's report, for printing of Minutes of 1933, is as follows:

Printing cost	$35.00
Mailing	2.00
	$37.00

Collected—$38.66.

25. As there are only three churches having B.Y.P.U., am making no table of the work but give the report in the proceedings:

Mt. Hebron—2 unions: 9 Seniors; 13 Juniors; total 22.
Connelly Springs—2 unions: 27 Seniors; 30 Juniors; total 57.
Mull's Chapel—2 unions: 20 Seniors; 7 Juniors; total 34.

26. A motion to adjourn was seconded and the Associatio adjourned to meet with Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, located on Highway No. 27 leading from Lincolnton to Morganton, N. C., 14 miles west of Lincolnton, N. C., on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1935, at 10:00 a. m.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator.
P. M. DEAL, Clerk

Constitution

1. This Association shall be called "**The South Mountain Baptist Association.**"

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismission from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually twenty members who shall constitute an Executive Committee, one member from each church, of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for that session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Association, for October 18-19, 1934.

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City, or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances Lord's Supper During Yr	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported Last Year	Gains				Losses				Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Deaths	Exclusions	Erasures	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1886	C. A. Abernethy, Icard, N. C.	1&3	69	5				2				75		1	1	
2—Bethany	Village	1893	R. L. Councilman, Morganton, N. C.	1&3	255	13	2		1	5	1			270		1	2	4
3—Beulah	Country	1905	J. L. Street, Casar, N. C.	3		5	2			5			1	61		1		
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1900	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton, N. C.	3	207	10	10			2	2			223		1	1	
5—Corinth	Country	1884	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.		87	3								95		1	1	
6—Icard	Village	1918	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton, N. C.	1&3	109	16	9	3		3	1			133	yes	1		
7—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	Ottis Cook, Lawndale, N. C.	3	152	15				2	1		1	163		1	4	12
8—Mt. Vernon	Country		J. R. Cantrell, Newton, N. C.	2&4	151	15	15			5	1			175		1	1	5
9—Mt. Gilead	Country		Ves Jones, Lattimore, N. C.															
10—Mull's Chapel	Country	1872	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	2&4	85	6							8	84		1	1	
11—Mt. Hebron	Country	1918	M. I. Harris, Valdese, N. C.	1&3	73	2	1	1	4	5	1			76		1	1	
12—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	4		6			1	1	1	1		142	yes	2	3	2
13—Pisgah	Country	1840	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N C.			6								87				
14—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro, N. C	2		4				2	3			100	yes	1	1	1
15—St. John's	Country	1842	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N C.	3	137	1	1		3	5	3			134	yes	1	1	1
16—Shoup's Grove	Country	1892	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	1		2	1			7	4	7		115		2		
17—St. Paul	Country	1871	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	2		13	10		4	4	3	4		338		1	4	2
18—Walker's Chapel	Country	1914	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	3	106	6				1	1	1		108	yes	1	1	
19—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1894	J. L. Street, Belwood, N. C.	2&4	185		2			2	1	2		183		1	3	1
20—Zion Hill	Country		Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	1	140	12	1			3	1			150	yes	1	1	
				Total	1756	140	54	4	13	54	24	15	10	2712		20	26	18

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, R-3, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina.
P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, R-1, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina—October 18 and 19, 1934

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION									
		Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment, including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have You a Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment of Mission Sunday School	Did You Hold Daily Vacation Bible Sch?	Enrollment Daily Vacation School	Average Attendance Daily Vacation Sch'l
1—Abee's Chapel	F. A. Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	13	7	14	18	30	12	5		11	110	85	yes			5					
2—Bethany	J. C. Abernethy, Hildebran, N. C.	20	27	43	46	30	44	27	12	32	281	185	yes		9	13					
3—Beulah	O. O. Rhoney, R-3, Vale, N. C.		27	5		26	33			6	97	50				4					
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs, N. C.	26	13	26	24	18	41	9		18	175	130	yes		9	3					
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.									7		66				3					
6—Icard	J. B Epps, Icard, N. C.	21	30	35	28	22	42	2			180	95	yes		8	16			yes	50	35
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsey, R-1, Casar, N. C.	12	18	12	20	25	25			8	120	72	yes		6	15					
8—Mt. Vernon	Burgin Hull, R-3, Vale, N. C.	21	22	20	51	18	43			11	175	89	yes		6	12			yes	18	12
9—Mt. Gilead																					
10—Mull's Chapel	Lester L. Mull, Connelly Springs, N. C.	10	14	25	19	14	10	11		16	105	60	yes		11	6	yes	105	yes	85	49
11—Mt. Hebron	E. E. Stroup, R1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	12	20	24	19	23	20	8	4	12	134	70	yes								
12—Olive Grove	Johnnie Walker, Casar, N. C.	22	7	52	18	30	23	6		12	150	95	yes		10	6					
13—Pisgah	Noah Puett, Casar, N. C.	14	18	20	16	10	26	6		18	128	96	yes		11	6					
14—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, R-3, Connelly Springs, N. C.	8	10	7	4	12	18	4		11	74	63			4	4					
15—St. John's	James R. Huffman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	19	18	25	30	23	28	14		15	162	96	yes			1					
16—Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, R-4, Hickory, N. C.	22	30	30	22	13	35	14	3	15	184	110	yes		7	5			yes		
17—St. Paul	L. H. Bumgarner, R-2, Lawndale, N. C.	7	16	24	34	41	35	5	6	15	186	77	yes	yes	17	9					
18—Walkers Chapel	M. Huffman, R-1, Morganton, N. C.	11	21	21	16	22	25			11	125	85	yes		2	6					
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, R-1, Hickory, N. C.									9	151	77									
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs, N. C.	9	10	26	25	24	44	8		25	146	85	yes		100						
	Total - -	237	308	389	390	381	504	119	25	252	2683	1686			200	114		105		153	87

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, R-1, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina.
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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association October 18-19, 1934

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Chch Own its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	No. of Dept. Assembly Rooms	Number of Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness of All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	W. C. Abee, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1886	Wood	300	1	9	9	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00		$1,000.00
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran, N. C.	Yes	1925	Brick	100	1	9	9	6,000.00	6,000.00		2,000.00
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney, R-3, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1906	Wood	500	1			1,000.00	1,000.00		800.00
4—Connelly Springs	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College, N. C.	Yes	1899	B.V.	400	7	6	7	2,000.00	2,000.00		
5—Corinth	J. G McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.	Yes	1884	Wood	300	1			740.00	800.00		
6—Icard	S A. Carswell, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1918	Wood	300	1			1,000.00	1,200.00		
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar, N. C.	Yes		Wood	250	1			400.00	400.00		
8—Mt. Vernon	Kermit Pendleton, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1924	B.V.	500	1			3,500.00	3,500.00		
9—Mt. Gilead												
10—Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Lester Mull, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1923	B.V	150	6			9,000.00	9,000.00		
11—Mt. Hebron	D. A. Heavner, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1929	Brick	300	1			4,000.00	4,000.00		
12—Olive Grove	C. M. Cook, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1920	Wood	100	1			1,200.00	1,200.00		
13—Pisgah												
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1876	Wood	300	1						
15—St. John's	J. R Huffman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1922	Wood	800	1	10		3,000.00	3,000.00		2,000.00
16—Shoup's Grove	O. M. Berry, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1892	Wood	300	1	4		1,500.00	1,500.00		700.00
17—St. Paul	J. W. Rich, Belwood, N. C	Yes	1920	Wood	600	3	10		1,500.00	1,500.00		
18—Walkers Chapel	Brintie Huffman, Morganton, N. C.	Yes	1914	Wood	300	1			1,200.00	1,200.00	20.66	
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, R-1, Hickory, N. C.	Yes	1898	Wood	400	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes		Wood	300	9	8	8				1,200.00
									Totals -	$19,040.00	$19,300.00	$20.66 $7,700.00

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of the South Mountain Baptist Association, Oct. 18-19, '34

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK										
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B.Y.P.U. and W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Ass'n.	Other Objects	Given by the Sunday School	Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	Mrs. John Lowman, Valdese, N. C.	$ 200.00		$ 11.00	$ 1.50	$ 10.00	$ 14.00		$ 3.00	$138.00		$ 377.50
2—Bethany	W. A. Watkins, Valdese, N. C.	240.00	5.00	65.27	45.00	48.12	79.70		4.00	79.36		567.13
3—Beulah	Anner Yancey, R-3, Vale, N. C.	60.00				3.00	15.00					78.00
4—Connelly Springs	Mrs. J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs, N. C.	300.00	8.00	27.50	978.22	49.36	85.45	28.60	4.00			1,480.13
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.	49.00					12.25		2.00			61.25
6—Icard	Mary Eckard, Icard, N. C.	150.05	21.00			13.05	30.00	10.00	3.00			'227.44
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, N. C.	74.80		15.00			20.65	8.00	2.00			120.58
8—Mt. Vernon	Lula Leatherman, Vale, N. C.	340.45			165.81	12.00	39.87		3.00		71.87	578.26
9—Mt. Gilead												
10—Mull's Chapel	J. B. Rhoney, Connelly Springs, N. C.	120.00	1.75	8.00		6.50	40.07	4.00	1.00	1.20	10.50	170.02
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. S. L. Lagle, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	131.50	20.60	26.21	253.29	28.20	49.25	15.58	2.00	5.33	14.04	531.86
12—Olive Grove	O. C. Cook, Belwood, N. C.	85.00					22.80		2.00			113.07
13—Pisgah									2.00			
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C.	100.00		26.00	27.00				2.50			155.72
15—St. John's	Nellie Wright, Connelly Springs, N. C.	100.00				13.40	3.25		2.00	79.07		226.97
16—Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, Connelly Springs, N. C.	152.45	4.30			4.04	42.76	3.00				206.45
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood, N. C.	141.95		25.00			43.56	2.50	2.10			214.91
18—Walkers Chapel	Mackie Huffman, R-4, Morganton, N. C.	70.32		16.05	19.38	1.73	17.33		1.00	2.68		130.19
19—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, N. C.	223.43		5.90		20.00			3.00	40.75		293.08
20—Zion Hill	D. F. Buff, Lawndale, N C.	140.76		25.00	550.60		25.00		2.00	16.00		759.76
	Totals -	$2,679.17	$60.65	$250.93	$2,041.30	$209.36	$570.20	$72.28	$41.10	$362.39	$96.41	$6,292.32

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TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES — South Mountain Baptist Association, October 18 and 19, 1934

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian and Ministerial Education	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Given by W. M. U. Organizations	Given by the Sunday School	Total for Missions and Benevolences Given by the Church and all Departments	Grand Total Given for All Purposes Last Yr
1—Abee's Chapel	Mrs. John Lowman, Valdese, N. C.	$10.00					20.00	$ 3.00					33.00	
2—Bethany	W. A. Watkins, Valdese, N. C.		75.00				56.67						131.67	
3—Beulah	Anner Yancey, R-3, Vale, N. C.													
4—Connelly Springs	Mrs. J. F. Cook, Connelly Springs, N. C.		22.84				43.71	15.71		8.59			91.00	
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.													
6—Icard	Mary Eckard, Icard, N. C.						8.00	10.00					18.00	
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, N. C.						15.02						15.02	
8—Mt. Vernon	Lula Leatherman, Vale, N. C.	14.00	11.50	9.59	5.50	5.00	24.35	5.00	1.19			19.35	76.04	654.17
9—Mt. Gilead														
10—Mull's Chapel	J. B. Rhoney, Connelly Springs, N. C.	2.35					7.66			1.28			11.29	
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. S. L. Lagle, R-1 Con. Spgs., N. C			8.15	25.64		25.72	8.79				18.67	68.21	
12—Olive Grove	O. C. Cook, Belwood, N. C.						3.00	1.00					4.00	
13—Pisgah	A. A. Parker													
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Springs, N. C.						5.00						5.00	
15—St. John's	Nellie Wright, Connelly Springs, N. C.	21.00					10.00						31.00	257.97
16—Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, Connelly Springs, N. C.						4.00						4.00	
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood, N. C.		2.48	5.69	2.16		14.49						24.82	
18—Walkers Chapel	Mackie Huffman, R-4, Morganton, N. C		1.84				7.95					9.79	9.79	
19—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, N. C.		3.25	2.48			6.86	2.00					14.55	
20—Zion Hill	D. F. Buff, Lawndale, N. C.	4.00					2.00				6.00		6.00	
	Totals - -	$51.35	$116.91	$25.82	$33.30	$5.00	$254.43	$45.41	$1.19	$9.78	$6.00	$47.81	$543.43	$912.14

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TABLE VI—SUNDAY SCHOOL CENSUS—South Mountain Baptist Association

CHURCH	Class Aims	Attend'ce In Classes					Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance Past Quarter	Attendance First Sunday	Aim for Attendance Second Sunday	Attendance Second Sunday	Old Organization	New Organization	Total Organization	Points On Standard	Number Classes	New Classes	Total Classes	Resident Ch. Mem.	Six Point Record S.	Teachers' Meeting	Possibilities	Unsaved	Examinations	Number Census Takers
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday																			
Abee's Chapel	100	67	77	84	89	80	75	60	52	125	90	8	10	18	3	6	3	9	77			191	60		
Bethany	150	70	66	77	58	75	204	135	139	225	209	15	14	29	5	11	4	15	226			524	139		
Connelly Springs	75	72	34	24	25	35	151	100	100	150	150	16	10	26	5	12	2	14	175			476	99		
Icard	75	34	35	37	35	41	144	72	65	125	114	12	14	26	5	7	5	12	90			271	70		
Mt. Hebron	100	66	77	78	57	65	87	63	79	150	88	9	15	24	3	6	4	10	66			176	62		
Mt. Vernon	100	55	76	80	69	79	104	70	114	200	120	11	12	23	6	7	6	13	111			308	73		
Mt. Zion	90	19	30	54	55	36	91	71	76	110	70	7	10	17	3	5	1	6	88			172	46		
Mull's Chapel	40	32	33	44	57	38	77	55	55	75	78	10	7	17	4	6	3	9	55			158	74		
Olive Grove	75	26	45	41	50	35	94	65	100	200	120	9	20	29	3	5	5	10	104			250	78		
Pisgah	100	49	54	51	78	72	105	67	63	150	90	17	6	23	7	9	4	13	67			203	59		
Pleasant Grove	65	40	54	49	42	51	91	40	27	75	82	7	15	22	2	5	6	11	80			215	80		
Shoupe's Grove	75	36	44	60	50	48	148	88	57	150	176	11	11	22	7	7	7	14	95			288	78		
St. John's	150	30	46	60	57	59	86	55	53	125	125	7	3	10	5	5	5	10	95			260	94		
St. Paul's	75	46	44	45	70	86	141	73	73	200	174	16	7	23	10	12	2	14	128			256	47		
Walker's Chapel	100	35	57	79	69	96	89	58	49	100	107	10	7	17	3	6	3	9	74			204	73		
Zion Hill	50	39	43	44	70	80	138	80	98	150	139	14	9	23	10	7	5	12	106	yes	yes	334	154	7	12
Totals	1420	716	815	907	931	976	1830	1152	1200	2310	1947	179	170	349	81	116	65	181	1637			4279	1571	7	12

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Icard—J. B. Epps
Mt. Zion—C. B. Lindsey
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Mt. Gilead—Towery Chapman
Mull's Chapel—A. C. Peeler
Mt. Hebron—E. E. Stroup
Olive Grove—Johnnie Walker
Pisgah—Noah Puett
Pleasant Grove—J. R. Carswell
St. John's—Guss Hoyle
Shoup's Grove—D. D. Propst
St. Paul—L. H. Bmgarner
Walker's Chapel—J. M. Huffman
Wilkie's Grove—Lester Hudson
Zion Hill—W. M. Hudson

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. L. Devine, Connelly Springs, N. C.
M. A. Huffman, Icard, N. C.
Albert Hudson
B. H. Parker, Icard, N. C.
Ovie Cook
J. J. Waldrop
Seth Ivester
Dewey Newton, Casar, N. C.
Ottis Cook
J. O. Mull, Vale, N. C.
Julius Hildebran, R-1, Hickory, N. C.
Lincoln Denton, R-4, Morganton, N. C.

PROGRAM

First Day—Forenoon

10:00—Devotion
10:15—Enrollment of Messengers
10:30—Mills Home ..... E. L. McDaniel
11:00—Religious Literature ..... J. R. Cantrell
11:30—Sermon ..... A. A. Lockee
12:15—Miscellaneous
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotion
1:45—Reports from Churches
2:15—Co-operative Program
1. State Missions ..... M. A. Huffman
2. Home Missions ..... Ottis Cook
3. Foreign Missions ..... A. C Leatherman
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

Second Day—Forenoon

9:30—Devotion
9:45—Co-operative Program
1. Christian Education ..... B. H Parker
2. Hospitals ..... J. J. Waldrop
3. Old Ministers' Relief ..... Seth Ivester
10:30—Woman's Work ..... Mrs. J. R. Cantrell
11:00—Sunday Schools ..... R. C. White
11:30—Digest of Letters
12:00—Miscellaneous
12:15—Luch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotion
1:45—B. Y. P. U. ..... Mrs. J. J Waldrop
2:15—Temperance ..... Guy Smith
3:00—Election of Officers for Succeeding Year
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

J. J. WALDROP,
A. C. LEATHERMAN,
R. C. WHITE,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1935

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 25th annual session with Mt. Vernon Baptist Church on October 17th, 1935. Opened by singing "Revive Us Again" and "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus."

Devotion by Rev. A. A. Lockee. Scripture, 23rd Psalm. Topic, "Shepherd Jesus." Prayer by A. A. Lockee.

Called to order by Moderator James R. Huffman. Roll called and enrollment of churches and delegates as follows:

ABEE'S CHAPEL: Mrs. John Abee, Mrs John Lowman, Mrs. Odis Lowman.

BETHANY: Mrs. J. M. Rhoney, Mrs. L. L. White, Mrs. H. L. Burns.

BEULAH: Mrs. Arthur Yancey, Mrs. Bart Tallent, Rev. J. O. Mull, A. J. Yancey.

CONNELLY SPRINGS: P. M Deal, J. E. Deal, Mrs. J. E. Deal, M. C. Smith, Walter W. Berry, John Lowman, Mrs. John Lowman.

CORINTH: H. G. McNeely, Mrs. H. G. McNeely, Marvin McNeely.

ICARD: Rev. M. A. Huffman, P. A. Berry and Mrs. P. A. Berry.

MT ZION: Jessie Davis, R. E. Newton, Ivey Cook, Rev. Ottis Cook and E. F. Bridges.

MT. VERNON: W. F. Wesson, Mrs. A. C. Leatherman, Mrs. R. L. Hoyle and J. O. Smith.

MT. GILEAD: Bill Parker, Sanford McNeely, Ivey Chapman and Mrs. Edith Clark.

MULL'S CHAPEL: Mrs. Ella Rhoney, Lester Mull, Mrs. Lester Mull, Lester Rhoney, Mrs. D. P. Crow, J. B. Rhoney, Mrs. J. B. Rhoney.

MT. HEBRON: Rev. M. A. Huffman, D. M. Hildebran, Mrs. S. L. Lagle, Mrs E. E. Stroup, C M. Stroup, Lester Taylor and Garlin Young.

OLIVE GROVE: Oscar Cook, C. M. Cook, Bruce Sism, Mrs. Hattie Cook, D. D. Spake.

PISGAH: W. S. Johnson, A. A. Parker, Mrs. J. T. Buff, N. H. Parker.

PLEASANT GROVE: J. L. Denton, J. M. Walker, Mrs. Essie Hoyle, Mrs. Lula Settlemyre, Miss Bessie Carswell.

ST. JOHN'S: Miss Nellie Wright, Guss Hoyle, Mrs. Medie Franklin, James R. Huffman, Mrs. Minnie McClurd.

SHOUP'S GROVE: C. W Crotts, Mrs. C. W. Crotts, and Charlie Taylor.

ST PAUL: E. L. Towery, C. D. Downs, R. C. White, Alvin Cook, L. H. Bumgarner, C. C. Crotts and Rev. Seth Ivester.

WALKER'S CHAPEL: J. M. Huffman, Katie Huffman, Mary Huffman and M. M. Smart.

WILKIE'S GROVE: John Young, W. A. Burns, J. L. Hudson, C. H. Martin, J. C. Fortenberry.

ZION HILL: Amos Pruitte, L. F. Ledford, Horace Pruitte, M. C. Buff, J. A. Hudson and Will Gantt.

The Association then proceeded to business by calling for report on Mills Home. The report was submitted by Rev. M. I. Harris and discussed by Rev. J. A. McMillan and J. R. Huffman. Report adopted.

MILLS HOME REPORT

This is an outstanding home, a home in which more are interested than any other home in the State. This is a growing home, an ideal home, where every member of the family who is large enough to work.

There are as fine girls in this home as are found in any home in our state. These girls are real housekeepers. They make their own clothing, and for all the small children of the family. They operate the laundry, prepare the food, serve the tables and keep their houses in order.

The boys also are being trained as home builders. They work the farm, tend the cattle, hogs and chickens, work in the print shop and shoe shop.

The manager believes that each member of the family should have at least one quart of milk per day, and this is produced in the home.

A school is provided for this great family that is second to none in the state.

The mothers' aid plan is rendering a great service through the orphanage.

The once-a-month offering through the Sunday school is doing fine things for them at Mills Home and Kennedy Home.

On Thanksgiving we are going to do our best for them both. We thank our Great King for these institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

—MILLARD I. HARRIS.

The following visitors were recognized: W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder; Rev. W. D. Early, of Hickory, N. C., and J. V. Devinney of Kings Mountain Association.

Report on Religious Literature was discussed by W. R. Beach.

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. J. R. Cantrell.

At 11 a. m. the annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Seth Ivester. Scripture Eph. 3 chapter and 14th verse. Subject, "Paul's Great Prayer." Prayer by Rev. E. L. McDaniel.

Next in order was the appointment of the following committees:

Finance Committee: John Leatherman, Miss Nellie Wright, Mrs. D. P. Crow.

Committee to Nominate Executive Committee: Mackie Huffman, Lester Hudson and Lester Mull.

Committee on Place and Preacher for Next Session: A. A. Parker, Mrs. D. H Page and Lee F. Ledford.

Program Committee: J. J. Waldrop, Fonza Leatherman and R. C. White.

Committee on Digest of Letters: Horace Puett, Ivey Cook and J J. Waldrop.

Committee on Obituaries: Mrs. R. L. Hoyle.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The session opened by singing "Jesus I Come." Devotional by Rev. W. D. Earley, scripture Matthew 5th chapter, subject "Shining Light and Stewardship." Prayer by Rev. J. J Waldrop. Called to order by chair.

Miss Ora Hull and Miss Lucy Brown, of the South Mountain Industrial School, were recognized and spoke in the interest of their school. A collection was taken for the school which amounted to $16.21.

Report on Cooperative Program was heard.

The State Missions report was submitted by J. J. Waldrop:

STATE MISSIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

The spirit and motive of Missions, Foreign, Home and State, are identical. It is difficult to understand why one should profess to believe in one and not in the other. The objectives, how-

ever, are slightly different. Within the State a distinction is made between Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolence, including the orphanage and hospital, whereas Foreign Missions and with some limitations Home Missions, includes all of these objects. What then is included under the head of "State Missions?""

For a hundred years the obective of State Missions has been to win the people of North Carolina to Christ and then to the fellowship which the churches provide. In more recent years, notably during the past quarter of a century, another objective has been to train and develop those who come into the churches. With these purposes dominant, State Missions now embraces the following activities:

1. Missionary Pastoral Assistance. "To the poor the Gospel is preached" in needy and strategic places. Many of our strong churches in the state are trophies of State Missions. At present about 130 churches are aided.

2. Student Work. Churches in educational centers are aided in order that they may properly minister to students away from home and the home church.

3. A Sunday school and a B.Y.P.U. department are maintained. Through these agencies the church membership is taught and stimulated to the end that the church member may devote not only a life but a trained life.

4. Church Building. At the present time, in the face of a serious shortage of funds, several churches, three of them in educational centers, are being aided in paying for adequate church plants.

5. Oteen Hospital. For some years past the board has made it possible for Rev. Wayne Williams to minister to the sick veterans in the government hospital at Oteen.

6. Indians. Since the Home Board has been compelled to use a large portion of its funds for debt service, the State Mission Board has assumed the responsibility of giving the Gospel to the Indians in our midst, in Robeson and Swain counties.

7. Negroes. Work was begun some years ago on a very limited scale, among the Negroes. Recently we were forced to discontinue it. Next year it is earnestly hoped that the white Baptists may be able to lend a hand to their quarter of a million Negro brothers. In March of this year the board employed a young, well educated Negro pastor for this work. Judging from reports he is doing a fine work among his fellow pastors.

State Missions, however, in conjunction with Christian Education, has another function, and one which is probably more important than any of those mentioned above. In a very vital sense, Foreign Missions and Home Missions, as well as all other objects,

wait upon an aggressive program of State Mission and Christian Education. These agencies are the S. O. S., the Service of Supply for all other agencies. The soldiers during the World War were in combat divisions, living in the trenches or near the front. But behind the lines, and reaching all the way to the United States, was a continuous line of men and women serving those who were on the front. Had they failed in their service of supply, disaster would have been inevitable. If likewise State Missions fails, retreat and perhaps disaster will, and ought, to overtake us as a people in our foreign and home mission efforts. Let us, therefore, maintain an aggressive program of State Missions. In so doing we shall not only win North Carolina but the world.

In addition to the above the board has employed one general missionary, M. O. Alexander. He spends his time holding revivals, attending general meetings, helping churches to form better fields, etc. He cannot answer half the calls. We need three such men, one in the East, one in Piedmont section, and one in the West.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. WALDROP.

Home Mission report, submitted by C. A. Abernethy:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We would request the brethren to rethink Home Missions. The home missionaries of an early day encountered many dangers. The watch words of those early missionaries of the cross were faith and courage. While we have changed in externals there is still as much savagery in America as there was when our pioneer missionaries threaded the trackless forests.

Never shall we lose our emphasis on individual salvation, but we need to apply the principles of Jesus.

We would point out that the board is now doing a great work. The prospects are brighter than they have been since 1928. Since that time we have lived within our income, reduced our debt.

We are far more than a debt paying agency. The board has in all departments and fields of its work, 202 missionaries and workers. It maintains in all over 400 mission stations and preaching places.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. ABERNETHY.

The report on Foreign Missions was offered by L. H. Bumgardner.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Jesus said, "Preach the gospel to every creature." "Go make disciples of all nations, baptize them—teach them to obey all com-

mands" (Moffatt). "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem. . . and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This task is not yet completed. We need to "Re-think missions," "Re-preach missions" and to "Re-practice missions."

Every one of us rejoices in the fact that the debt on the board has been reduced this last year by $600,000 in round numbers. This has released an enormous amount of interest for real work on the foreign field itself. Recently the board sent out seven new missionaries to replace some who have died and some who have retired. There was an increase of 5 per cent in the board's receipts over July one year ago.

The missionary spirit is gripping our people during these days as not before since 1929. "Every prospect pleases" and it looks now like our people are determined to recover all lost ground and push out farther into the world conquest for Jesus than ever before.

Let us earnestly pray that Southern Baptists may pay all her debts on all the boards, that scores of volunteers for the foreign fields may be called forth to the work, that our preachers may preach mission more, that our churches stress missions more and that every Baptist parctice missions more than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. BUMGARDNER.

Next in order was the report on Old Ministers' Relief.

The report on W.M.U., as submitted by Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Looking back over forty fruitful years of service rendered by the Woman's Missionary Union to the great denominational program of Missions, and seeing what it can and has done for the local church and community, brings a keen conviction of heart that every Missionary Baptist Church ought to have a W.M.U.

From the beginning of our race woman has played an active and important part in shaping the history of the world. Because of woman's power no one is more responsible than she for the betterment of society. As we begin to review her past history we feel a danger of being tempted to praise her too highly because of her glorious achievements, but a further pursuit of her history finds us longing for words to express our appreciation of her influence and wonderful works.

Regardless of her handicaps in all ages she has struggled on in her battles of righteousness. She was the last to leave the cross and first to reach the empty tomb of our Lord.

Space is too limited for us to call the honor roll of all our leading worthies. Much of Woman's influence and work has been

kept in the background and many whose names may never appear in print may be on Heaven's Honor Roll. Many noble lives that have long ceased to be will continue on down the streams of time to bless generations yet unborn.

The Woman's North Carolina Union became a part of the Southern Union in 1891. To this meeting fourteen societies sent delegates. Gifts reported at this meeting amounted to $3,192.14 For the year 1934 the gifts reported were $181,423.96.

The woman's work in North Carolina consists of 1,187 organizations.

In the Bible the worst and the best is typified by woman.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. CANTRELL

The report was discussed by Mrs. J. R. Cantrell and W. D. Earley. Report adopted.

The Sunday Schools report was submitted by Rev. E L. McDaniel. Discussed by E. L. McDaniel and L. F Ledford. Report adopted.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The past year's work has been a year in which we have tried to hold on to new members and utilize them in their respective churches and train them for service.

Your Sunday School officers wish to express their appreciation for cooperation extended by pastors and churches in this great work for the Master, namely: trying to further the Kingdom's work by training and leading the lost to the Master through the Sunday School work and church.

Jesus the Great Teacher taught in the temple on the Sabbath day and kept it holy unto God. He didn't play ball on the Sabbath day; He kept His Father's commandments, and let us who know Jesus teach His word and keep the Sabbath Day Holy.

We have in the 20 churches 19 Sunday schools, and there were added to the churches about 104 members from the Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McDANIEL.

A committee to arrange for a one-day meeting of the Association in the spring reported.

Adjourned till 7 P. M. Dismissed by Rev. J R. Cantrell.

THURSDAY NIGHT

W. G. Camp, of Cherryville, N. C., brought us a cheer-

ing message from Revelations 2 chapter, 3rd verse. Subject, "Overcoming."

Adjourned until Friday, 9:30 A. M. Dismissed by Rev. W. G. Camp.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 18, 1935

Session opened by singing "Standing On the Promises." Devotional by Rev. S. A. Stroup. Scripture Luke 17th chapter, 11 to 17 verse; subject, "Gratitude to Jesus." Prayer by Rev. J. A. McMillan of Mills Home.

Called to order by chair. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. J. A. McMillan from the Liberty Association; Rev. S. A. Stroup, of South Fork Association, and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, N. C.

Report on Hospital was submitted by P. M. Deal.

REPORT ON HOSPITAL

We have a hospital at Winston-Salem with Brother Hegaman as manager. We have a fine staff of doctors with a wonderful staff of nurses prepared to do good service, with a building constructed for the purpose of administering relief to the suffering.

The hospital was constructed with some of the 75 million fund and became a part of our cooperative program. A Mother's Day offering is taken annually as a means of support to the charity work of the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. DEAL.

Discussed by Thomas McDaniel, M. A. Huffman and Rev. S. A. Stroup. Report adopted.

Report on Temperance was read and submitted by Rev. J. R. Cantrell:

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Over forty countries are seriously affected by the depression, all of which have legalized liquor. The forty wet countries are worse off than dry United States, and are suffering more from the depression.

Wet London arrests two times as many for drunkenness as dry New York City; wet Paris two and one-half times as many; wet Toronto, Canada, five times as many; wet Stockholm ten times as many.

The Salvation Army records show that under legalized liquor

in New Yory City they had 1,200 to 1,300 drunks to care for each night, while under the Eighteenth Amendment the average is not over seven.

At the Kings Mountain North Carolina celebration, October 7, 1930, 125,000 people estimated present, no arrests for drunkenness, no one hurt. At the previous celebration under legalized liquor with hardly one-tenth as many present the officers had to build pens to put the drunks in.

In wet England under legalized liquor, 1,500 little babies are smothered and mashed to death by drunken mothers each year, as shown by official reports. This savage debauchery has been unheard of in dry United States.

Oh, my countrymen, do not bring this grand old State again under the dominion of that power! It can profit no man by its return. It can uplift no industry, revive no interest, remedy no wrong. You know that it cannot. It came to destroy and it shall profit mainly by the ruin of your sons or mine. It comes to mislead human souls and to crush human hearts under its rumbling wheels. It comes to still the laughter on the lips of little children. It comes to ruin your body and mind, to wreck your home. Now will you vote it back?

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CANTRELL.

Discussed by J. R. Cantrell, W. R. Beach, W. R. Bradshaw, S. A. Stroup, J. R. Huffman and O. O. Rhoney. Song by P. M Deal Report adopted Collection for temperance cause was taken—cash $3.66.

Report of committee on Place and Preacher of next session was submitted by A A. Parker. Adopted.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER.

The committee on place of next meeting of Association and preacher to preach sermon recommend Pisgah as the place of next meeting and Rev. A. A. Lockee to preach introductory sermon.

Signed by the committee.

A. A. PARKER.
LEE F. LEDFORD.

Adjourned one hour for dinner Dismissed by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song, "The Coming Kingdom." Devotion by Rev. M. A. Huffman. Scripture Isiah 55th chapter and 6 to 10 verses. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Cantrell.

Called to order by chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

That we have a one-day meeting next Spring to discuss the need of our work. Apart from our fifth Sunday meetings.

J. J Waldrop submitted report of committee on Union Meetings as recommendation. Report adopted.

COMMITTEE ON UNION MEETING

We, your committee on recommendation for the fifth Sunday meeting, beg to submit the following recommendations:

1. That for the ensuing year, in preparation of the programs of this meeting, that we have a more extensive discussion on the fundamental doctrines of Christianity (Love, Faith, Grace, Justification, Obedience) and many other kindred subjects are just as important now as they ever were, but are being sadly neglected.

2. We further recommend that a special program committee be elected to arrange these programs and have them printed at the expense of the union meeting. Using on the discussions all local talent (layman and preachers) insofar as it is possible to do so.

3. We further recommend that the executive committee hold its regular meeting at the same time and place of the union meeting

For the committee:

J. J. WALDROP.
JOHN LEATHERMAN.
P. M. DEAL.

Program Committee report submitted by R. C. White, to be printed on 1st page of Minutes. Adopted.

Discussion on growth of the Association and all mission work was discussed by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, M. A. Huffman and J. R. Cantrell.

P. M. Deal submitted the report of the Clerk of the Association, which follows:

REPORT OF CLERK OF ASSOCIATION FOR 1934

Printing of 300 Minutes	$35.00
Mailing	2.00
Total	$37.00
Last year (1934) Minute fund	$40.60
Leaving	$3.60

P. M. DEAL.

The following is the report of the Finance Committee:

Zion Hill	$3.60
Corinth	2.00
Wilkie's Grove	4.00
St. John's	2.50
Walker's Chapel	2.00
Abee's Chapel	3.00
St. Paul	3.50
Mt. Gilead	1.00
Icard	3.00
Mt. Zion	1.50
Pisgah	2.00
Mt. Hebron	2.00
Pleasant Grove	2.00
Mt. Vernon	8.00
Mull's Chapel	1.00
Olive Grove	3.00
Shoup's Grove	2.00
Total	$41.60

The following officers were elected for next year:
Moderator—James R. Huffman.
Vice-Moderator—R. C. White.
Clerk—P. M. Deal.
Treasurer—J. B. Leatherman.

Rev. E. L McDaniel was appointed president of the Sunday School Association for the coming year.

Rev. Ottis Cook was appointed as delegate to the Baptist State Convention at Asheville, N. C.

The following resolution of thanks to Mt. Vernon church were presented and adopted:

Resolved that we, the messengers and visitors from various churches express our thanks and appreciation to the good people of Mt. Vernon Church and community for the generous hospitality and splendid fellowship manifested while in their midst.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. WHITE.

CONNELLY SPRINGS B.T.U.

Has 2 Unions—

Seniors	27 Members
Juniors	15 Members
Total	42 Members

REPORT OF W.M.U.

Mt. Vernon has 5 Unions—

W.M.S. 1; Y.W.A. 1; G.A. 1; R.A. 1; Sunbeams 1; Total 5.

Enrollment—W.M.S. 14; Y.W.A. 12; G.A. 12; R.A. 13; Sunbeam 30; total 81.

The report on Obituaries was submitted by Mrs. R. L. Hoyle. Report adopted:

We find during the past year there have been 14 of our members who have gone to their reward. They are as follows:

Abee's Chapel—W. C Abee.

Connelly Springs—A. H. Robinson.

Mt. Gilead—Mrs. Margaret Cook.

Mt. Hebron—R. W. Lowman and W. A. Hildebrand.

Mt. Vernon—Mrs. D. P. Leatherman, Mrsr Martha Martin and Mr. S H. Upton.

Mt. Zion—Mary Proctor and J. C. Brackett.

Olive Grove—Mr. Robert Walker.

Pisgah—Mr. Amos Pruett.

St. Paul—Mrs. M. C. Wright.

Zion Hill—Mrs. Margaret Proctor.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYE HOYLE.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Pisgah Baptist Church, one mile north of Casar, N. C., on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1936, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator.

P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

Constitution

1. This Association shall be called **"The South Mountain Baptist Association."**

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their resupective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismiss from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committes of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Mssions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually twenty members who shall constitute an Executive Committee, one member from each church, of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be an ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for that session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Association, for Year Ending October 1, 1935

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town City, or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												
					Members Reported Last Year	Gains				Losses				Tot	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances Lord's Supper During Yr.	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1886	C. A. Abernethy, Icard, N. C.	1&3	75	1							1	75		1	1	
2—Bethany	Village	1893	R. L. Councilman, Morganton, N. C.	1&3	270	9	6			6				279		2	2	
3—Beulah	Country	1905	J. O. Mull, Vale, N. C.	3	64	2								66		1		
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1899	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton, N. C.	1&3	223	4	3			3			1	226		1		
5—Corinth	Country	1884	J. L. Street, Belwood, N. C.	3	95	4	1			1	1			89		1	1	
6—Icard	Village	1918	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton, N. C.	1&3	133	4	1							138		1		
7—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	Ottis Cook, Lawndale, N. C.	3	152	20	2			1			2	171		1	5	1
8—Mt. Vernon	Country		J. R. Cantrell, Newton, N. C.	Full	151	14	5			2			3	164		1		7
9—Mt. Gilead	Country	1828	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro, N. C.	1	38	8								45		1		
10—Mull's Chapel	Country	1872	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	2&4	84		1							85		1	3	
11—Mt. Hebron	Country		M. I. Harris, Valdese, N. C.	1&3	76	9	2	1					2	86	yes	1	1	
12—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	4	142	6	2		1	6			1	144	yes	1	4	
13—Pisgah	Country	1840	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.	3			3	2					1	85		1	2	
14—Pleasant Grove	Country	1878	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro, N. C.	2	100	6	2						1	107	yes	1	4	2
15—St. John's	Country	1842	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	3	137	3					7		1	132		1	1	1
16—Shoup's Grove	Country		E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N. C.		117	8	5			5	2				yes	1		
17—St. Paul	Country	1869	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore, N .C.		335	23	2			8			1	347		1		
18—Walker's Chapel	Country		Dewey Newton, Casar, N. C.	1&3	102	14			1	1				117	yes	1	2	
19—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1895	J. L. Street, Belwood, N. C.	2&4	183	6				2		7		110	yes	1	3	1
20—Zion Hill	Country		Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	1	150	12	4			2			1	163		1	2	3
				Total -	2627	153	39	3	2	37	10	7	15	2629		20	30	15

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS of South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina, Year Ending October 1, 1935

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION					
		Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have You a Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment of Mission Sunday School
1—Abee's Chapel	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	8	8	8	13	9	10	3		10	69	60				1		
2—Bethany	J. B. Setzer, Hildebran, N. C.	14	20	43	37	31	32	15	12	32	236	136	yes			9	yes	236
3—Beulah	Cecil Mull, Vale, N. C.	14	16		21		38				89	75				2		
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs, N. C.	17	18	19	21	18	47	6		17	150	115						
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeilly, Lawndale, N. C.									7	87	55				3		
6—Icard	M. A. Huffman, Icard, N. C.	16	25	30	25	40	20	4		8	168	84	yes		8	2		
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, N. C.	18	17	15	12	25	25			8		58	yes		5	9		
8—Mt. Vernon	Burgan Hull, Vale, N. C.	26	12	20	23	12	34			17	144	101	yes		8	12		
9—Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Edith Clark, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.											50			1	5		
10—Mull's Chapel	Lester Rhoney, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	10	9	18	13	12	10	12		13	97	56	yes		1			
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. S. L. Lagle, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	13	12	18	23	10	26	16	3	9	130	75	yes			9		
12—Olive Grove	Bruce Sism, Belwood, N. C.										87	65			5	3		
13—Pisgah	Julius Parker, Casar, N. C.	8	14	28	20	10	16			14	110		yes		12			
14—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, Connelly R-1, Springs, N. C.	10		7	6	20	27	5		8	83	50			6	4		
15—St. John's	James R. Huffman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	8	8	21	22	12	21			12	104	65	yes			3		
16—Shoup's Grove	D. D. Propst, R.F.D., Hickory, N. C.	12	12	14	8	12	14	14	4	10	130	120	yes		6	2		
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood, N. C.	4	6	16	26	22	31	5	6	20	136	57	yes		17			
18—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, R-4, Morganton, N. C.	5	4	13	6	5	13			8	49		yes		2	8		
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, N. C.									9	137	80				3		
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	4	7	28	27	22	48	5		28	141		yes	yes	25	11		
	Total - -	187	198	298	309	260	412	85	25	230	2147	1302			96	86		

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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association, Year Ending Oct. 1, 1935

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Ch'ch Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	No. of Dept. Assembly Rooms	Number of Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness of All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	Everett Lowman, R-1, Valdese, N. C.	Yes	1886	Wood	300	1	1	5	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00		$1,000.00
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran, N. C.	Yes	1925	Brick		9	9	9	6,000.00	6,000.00		2,000.00
3—Beulah	Cecil Mull, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1909	Wood	300	1			1,000.00	1,000.00		200.00
4—Connelly Springs	J. E. Wilson, Rutherford College, N. C.	Yes	1935	B. V.	400	1	5	4	4,000.00	4,000.00	1,245.00	2,500.00
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, N. C.	Yes	1884	Wood	300	1			820.00	900.00		
6—Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard, N. C.	Yes	1918	Wood	300	1			1,000.00	1,000.00		
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1935	B. V.	500	1			2,000.00	2,000.00	400.00	
8—Mt. Vernon	Kermit Pendleton, R-3, Vale, N. C.	Yes	1923	B. V.	700	12	2	12	5,000.00	5,000.00	400.00	
9—Mt. Gilead	S. S. McNeely, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1885	Wood	400	1				1,000.00		
10—Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Lester Mull, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1923	B. V.	450	6			9,000.00	9,000.00		
11—Mt. Hebron	Marie Taylor, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1929	Brick	300	1	6	6	4,000.00	4,000.00		
12—Olive Grove	C. M. Cook, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1884	Wood	400	1			1,500.00	1,600.00		
13—Pisgah	A. A. Parker, Casar, N. C.	Yes	1933	B. V.	800	10		10	3,500.00	3,500.00	200.00	
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, R-4, Morganton, N. C.	Yes	1890	Wood	400	1		11	1,000.00	1,000.00		
15—St. John's	James R. Huffman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1922	Wood	800	1		8	3,000.00	3,000.00		200.00
16—Shoup's Grove	O. M. Berry, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1892	Wood	300	1		11	1,500.00	1,500.00		900.00
17—St. Paul	J. W. Rich, R-1, Belwood, N. C.	Yes	1926	Wood	1000	10		10	2,500.00	2,500.00		
18—Walker's Chapel	Brintie Huffman, Morganton, N. C.	Yes	1915	Wood	300	1		*	1,200.00	1,200.00	10.73	
19—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, R.F.D., Hickory, N. C.	Yes	1895	Wood	400				2,000.00	2,000.00		1,200.00
20—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.	Yes	1880	Wood	600	9		8	2,000.00	2,000.00		1,200.00
*Curtains used.				Total -	8950	69	23	94	$52.520.00	$53,700.00	$1,855.73	$8,000.00

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of South Mountain Baptist Association, Year Ending October 1, 1935.

CHURCHES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK												
	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Ass'n.	Other Objects	(Local Work) Given by Church Only	(Local Work) Given by the Sunday School	Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	$ 200.00		$ 22.00			$ 10.00	$ 15.00		$ 3.00		$ 250.00		$ 250.00
2—Bethany	240.00		132.62			65.02	62.39	3.51	4.00		507.52	16.03	507.52
3—Beulah	46.90		22.50			3.00	7.00						69.40
4—Connelly Springs	300.00		56.10		681.01	65.82	82.88		4.50	4.00	1,194.32		1,194.32
5—Corinth	63.52		8.27						2.00		73.78		73.78
6—Icard	233.04	5.00	5.00			25.00	30.00	20.00	3.00	200.00	557.04		557.04
7—Mt. Zion	88.70		14.50	1,000.00			22.00		2.00		1,125.20	22.00	1,125.20
8—Mt. Vernon	400.00			1,180.50		27.00	22.41	5.70	3.00		1,612.66	28.11	1,612.66
9—Mt. Gilead	55.00												55.00
10—Mull's Chapel	120.00					12.20	17.73		.95		149.93		149.93
11—Mt. Hebron	117.35	18.59	26.50		10.55	27.28	34.10		2.00	118.60	320.87	45.10	320.87
12—Olive Grove	87.72					2.00	18.00	1.80			118.36		118.36
13—Pisgah	128.57			200.00		10.00	40.00		2.00		380.57		380.57
14—Pleasant Grove	90.00	7.00				40.20	8.00		2.00		147.20		147.20
15—St. John's	100.00		17.25			37.90	31.93		2.50		189.58		189.58
16—Shoup's Grove	118.40		24.50	40.80		4.95	41.43		2.00		302.08		302.08
17—St. Paul	161.36		12.00	5.52			50.43		3.50		314.96		314.96
18—Walker's Chapel	76.47		34.99		9.93		16.00		2.00		139.39	16.00	139.39
19—Wilkie's Grove	236.00		14.72						4.00	8.77	250.14		250.14
20—Zion Hill	117.35		31.16	249.40	130.00	5.40	35.00	9.11	3.60	5.00	557.02		557.02
Total - -	$2,980.44	$30.59	$422.11	$2,676.22	$831.50	$335.75	$534.30	$40.12	$46.05	$336.37	$8,190.62	$127.24	$8,314.99

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, State of North Carolina.

TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES — South Mountain Baptist Association, Year Ending October 1, 1935

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Other Special Gifts	(Missions, Etc.) Given by the Sunday School	(Missions, Etc.) Total for Missions and Benevolences Given by the Church and all Departments	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Local Work and Missions—Given by the Church and All its Organizations.
1—Abee's Chapel	Vadie Lowman, Valdese, N. C.	$ 10.00					20.00				$ 30.00	$ 280.00
2—Bethany	James Abernethy, Hildebran, N. C.	77.00									91.06	719.78
3—Beulah	Anner Yancey, R.F.D., Vale, N. C.											
4—Connelly Springs	Vercie Bridges, Connelly Springs, N. C.			42.30			36.37	14.03			92.70	1,287.00
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, R-1, Lawndale, N. C.											
6—Icard	Mrs. S. A. Carswell, Icard, N. C.						4.00				4.00	559.04
7—Mt. Zion	C. B Lindsay, Casar, N. C.						12.78			12.78		1,137.98
8—Mt. Vernon	W. F. Wesson, R-3, Vale, N. C.	23.00										1,612.66
9—Mt. Gilead	S. S. McNeely, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.											
10—Mull's Chapel	J. B. Rhoney, R-1, Connelly Springs, N. C.						12.25					162.18
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. E. E. Stroup, R-1 Connelly Springs, N. C.			4.65	4.00	13.00	12.00				33.65	426.88
12—Olive Grove	Oscar Cook, Belwood, N. C.	10.64			1.80		5.84	1.00	2.00		14.64	123.00
13—Pisgah	Pauline Mace, Casar, N. C.	15.00					10.00				25.00	405.57
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, R-4, Morganton, N. C.						26.00				26.00	173.20
15—St. John's	Hattie Huffman, Connelly Springs, N. C.	20.20					10.00				30.20	219.18
16—Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, Connelly Springs, N. C.		10.00				14.63		16.00		40.63	342.61
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, R-1, Belwood, N. C.			3.00	3.57	2.77	6.97	2.80	1.00		20.09	335.05
18—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, R-4, Morganton, N. C.			2.39			6.16	10.00	5.00		23.55	161.94
19—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, R-1, Hickory, N. C.			1.50			6.00	2.00	20.00		29.50	283.64
20—Zion Hill	Avery Cook, Lawndale, N. C.	10.00					15.00				25.00	477.02
		$165.84	$10.00	$53.84	$9.37	$15.77	$198.00	$29.80	$44.00	$12.78	$486.02	$8,706.73

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Bethany—J. C. Abernethy
Beulah—O. O. Rhoney
Connelly Springs—Guy Smith
Corinth—Clifton Batts
Icard—J. B. Epps
Mt. Zion—Rolen Price
Mt. Vernon—J. B. Leatherman
Mt. Gilead—Sanford McNeely
Mull's Chapel—A. C. Peeler
Mt. Hebron—E. E. Stroup
Olive Grove—A. T. Spake
Pisgah—Noah Puett
Pleasant Grove—J. R. Carswell
St. John's—Nellie Wright
Shoup's Grove—D. D. Propst
Smart's Grove—M. M. Smart
St. Paul—L. H. Bumgarner
Walker's Chapel—J. M. Huffman
Wilkie's Grove—Lester Hudson
Zion Hill—W. M. Hudson

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. L. Devine, Connelly Springs, N. C.
M. A. Huffman, Icard N. C.
Albert Hudson
B. H. Parker, Icard, N. C.
Ovie Cook
J. J. Waldrop
Seth Ivester
Dewey Newton, Casar, N. C.
Ottis Cook
J. O. Mull, Vale, N. C.
Julius Hildebran, R-1, Hickory, N. C.
Lincoln Denton, R-4, Morganton, N. C.

PROGRAM

First Day—Forenoon

10:00—Devotional
10:15—Enrollment of Messengers
10:30—Religious Literature
1. Christian Education—M. A. Huffman
2. Biblical Recorder—E. L. McDonnell
11:30—Sermon
12:15—Miscellaneous
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotional
1:45—Report from Churches
2:15—Cooperative Program
1. State Missions—A. A. Lockee
2. Home Missions—Seth Ivester
3. Foreign Missions—C. A. Abernethy
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

Second Day—Forenoon

9:30—Devotional
9:45—Mills Home—J. R. Cantrell
10:15—Hospitals—Otis Cook
10:30—Old Ministers' Relief—J. J. Waldrop
10:45—Woman's Work—Mrs. J. R. Cantrell
11:00—Sunday Schools—S. A. Carswell
11:30—Digest of Letters
12:00—Miscellaneous
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotion
1:45—B.Y.P.U.—Carl Divine
2:15—Temperance—Dewey Newton
3:00—Election of Officers
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

B. H. PARKER,
CHARLCIE WRIGHT,
S. A. CARSWELL,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1936

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 26th annual session with Pisgah Baptist Church, on October 15th, 1936. Opened by singing "Revive Us Again."

Devotional.

Roll was called and churches were represnted as follows:

Abee's Chapel: C. H. Lowman, John Lowman, Mrs. John Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lowman.

Bethany: Mrs. J. M. Rhoney, Mrs. H. I. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Abernethy, R. D. Mostiller.

Beulah: O. O. Rhoney, A. J. Yancey, D. C. Hoyle.

Connelly Springs: P. M. Deal, J. E. Deal, Mrs. Guy Smith. Mrs. Ila Townsend.

Corinth: Mary McNeely, Evea McNeely, G. L. Newton.

Icard: Mrs. H. C. Williams, J. R. Epps, Mrs. Exil Wilson, S. A. Carswell.

Mt. Zion: C. B. Lindsay, Joe Cook, J. M. Steadham, R. C. Fortenberry, J. R. Price.

Mt. Vernon: Mrs. D. C. Upton, Vassie Upton, T. B. Hull, S. C. Wesson, J. B. Leatherman, P. M. Leatherman, Burgin Hull.

Mt. Gilead: W. T. Chapman, Wm. Parker, S. S. McNeely.

Mull's Chapel: Lester Mull, J. B. Rhoney, Mrs. J. B. Rhoney, Lester Rhoney.

Mt. Hebron: Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lagle, Mrs. E. E. Stroup, D. M. Hildebran, C. M Stroup

Olive Grove: C. M. Cook, A. T. Spake.

Pisgah: N. W. Pruette, Dock Hastings, Cleveland Buff, Pauline Mace, Julius Parker.

Pleasant Grove: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hoyle, Rev. Lincoln Denton, Joe Walker, Celia Carswell.

St. John's: Misses Charlcie and Nellie Wright, James R. Huffman, Preston Huffman, Richard Franklin, Walter Huffman.

Shcup's Grcve: Jason Stilwell, Charlie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crotts.

St. Paul: W. A. Cook,, Emma Cook, L. H. Bumgarnder, R. C. White, C. C. Crotts.

Smart's Grove: M. M. Smart, Flora Lail.

Walker's Chapel: Wade Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huffman.

Wilkie's Grove: J. P. Brittain, J. L. Hudson, W. J. Burns, P.

B. Burns, Oscar Hildebran.

Zion Hill: Wm. Hudson, R. P. Carter, W. S. Hoyle, Leon Bradshaw, Avery Cook.

Every church was represented by letter and delegate.

The Moderator declared the Association open for work and discussion of all matters to come before the body.

1. The report on Christian Education was submitted by Rev. B H. Parker and discussed by B. H. Parker, M. A. Huffman and J. L. Street. Report adopted

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There is not a great deal of difference in the subject matter of Education and Christian Education. The thing that determines Christian Education is its environment. If there is an atmosphere of Christianity, there is Christan Educaton. Therefore Christian Education as understood by Baptists would be under Baptist control and operated by Baptist people who believe in God and are consecrated to Christ.

Some schools have fallen short of our understanding of Christian Education, but, nevertheless, the need of Christian Educacation is as great today as ever before. Therefore we urge the churches to support the schools so long as they operate right in order that there may be a greater ministry of God's Word when the present ministers shall lie in the dust.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. PARKER.

W. R. Beach, of The Biblical Recorder, and J. W. Carter, of Kings Mountain Association, were recognized as visitors.

2. Report on Religious Literature submitted by Rev. J. R. Cantrell, and discussed by W. R. Beach. Report adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Go back to one of those early Conventions. What did they do? They were not noted for great speeches, but they created three institutions—Board of Missions, Wake Forest College and the Biblical Recorder. And they have counted in no small way for the progress of our Baptist work.

They have not only survived the decades and the generations but on them rest our past progress and our present prosperity. The Recorder and our Religious Literature of all kinds, have filled their missions in this field of work.

Are these religious papers worthy of an extensive circulation? They have been the means of helping us to express our collective life. Up until 1830 we expressed only our individual life. We were

separated and terribly individualistic, and independent.

One of the feeblest things I know about is one of the above kind of Baptist. Same is true with a church. Like a link in a chain—only fit for the scrap heap, but put it in the chain and it is fit to draw the chariot of God. As long as we are detached we will never mean what we were created for. Here is where our Religious Literature is doing its priceless work. For one hundred years it has been the means of Baptist unity. For one hundred years week by week these religious papers have preached the Baptist idea. If there is a grand, a magnificent unity of our churchs whose messengers are gathered here, and we feel the tide of the power of that unity. It is because of the faithful work of Thomas Meredith and his successors in the Recorder's editorial chair.

If our religious literature went into every Baptist home how they might unite the Baptist into a mighty fellowship. Our Swedish Baptist send a missionary for every 600 members of their local churches. If we were to do that we would have 6,000 foreign missionaries instead of 530 on the foreign field today. The Swedish Baptist paper goes every week to every Baptist home.

Great institutions depend upon us. A world of mission fields depend upon us. To divide now would be to impair civilization itself; we must stand together and each one help to bear the great load. Our Religious Literature will help us to do this.

Shall I say that the best day's work a man ever did, after he gives his heart to the Lord, is to subscribe for our religious literature? Think on these things.

J. R. CANTRELL.

3. The following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: Noah Pruette, Carl Abernethy and John Rich.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee: John Leatherman, J. B. Epps and A. A. Parker.

Committee on Place and Preacher: Addison Berry, Preston Huffman and W. S. Hoyle.

Program Committee: B. H Parker, S. A. Carsweil, and Charlcie Wright.

Committee on Digest of Letters: S. C. Wesson, D. C. Hoyle and R. C. White.

Committee on Obituaries: Pauline Mace and Carl Abernethy.

The choir sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Smarts Grove Baptist Church, a newly constituted church, presented itself to become a member of the Association.

The following were appointed as a committee to ex-

amine and pass on its orthodoxy: Rev. Otis Cook, Wm. Hudson and P. M. Leatherman, which reported favorable and the church was received as a member of the South Mountain Association.

At 11 a. m. a sermon was delivered by Rev. A. A. Lockee. Scripture: 1 to 15 verses of 12th chapter of Romans. Subject: "Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So."

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner, being dismissed with a prayer by Rev. J. L. Street.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The session opened by singing "Standing On the Promises." Devotional by Brother J. W. Costner, Scripture Romans 12th chapter; subject, "Devotion to God." Prayer by Rev. L. W. King. Called to order by chair.

Visitors recognized were Rev. L. W. King, of Kings Mountain; Rev. Perry Crouch, and E. F. Sullivan, of South Fork.

The committee on Time and Place made the following report: The next session of the Association will meet with Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Preacher _____

The Finance Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Abee's Chapel	$3.00
Bethany	4.00
Beulah	1.50
Connelly Springs	4.00
Corinth	2.00
Icard	3.00
Mt. Zion	2.00
Mt. Vernon	3.10
Mt. Gilead	
Mull's Chapel	2.00
Mt. Hebron	2.00
Olive Grove	2.20
Pisgah	2.10
Pleasant Grove	2.00
St. John's	2.50
Shoup's Grove	2.00
St. Paul	2.80
Walker's Chapel	2.00
Wilkie's Grove	4.00
Zion Hill	2.80
Smart Grove	1.00
Total	$50.00

The report on Cooperative Program, which includes all missions, was given at this time.

The report on State Missions was submitted by Rev. M. A. Huffman and read by Rev. B. H. Parker.

The report was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

The spirit and motive of Missions, Foreign, Home and State, are identical. It is difficult to understand why one should profess to believe in one and not in the other. The objectives, however, are slightly different. Within the State a distinction is made between Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolences—including the Orphanage and Hospital—whereas Foreign Missions, and with some limitations Home Missions, includes all of these objects. What then is included under the head of "State Missions?"

For a hundred years the objective of State Missions has been to win the people of North Carolina to Christ and then to the fellowship which the churches provide. In more recent years, notably during the past quarter of a century, another objective has been to train and develop those who come into the churches. With these purposes dominant, State Missions now embrace the following activities:

1. **Missionary Pastoral Assistance.** "To the poor the Gospel is preached in needy and strategic places. Many of our strong churches in the State are trophies of State Missions. At present about 160 churches are aided.

2. **Student Work.** Churches in educational centers are aided in order that they may properly minister to students away from home and the home church.

3. A **Sunday School** and a **Baptist Training Union** Department are maintained. Through these agencies the church membership is taught and stimulated to the end that the church member may devote not only a life but a trained life.

4. **Church Building.** At the present time, in the face of a serious shortage of funds, several churches, some of them in educational centers, are being aided in paying for adequate church plants.

5. **Oteen Hospital.** For some years past the Board has made it possible for Rev. Wayne Williams to minister to the sick veterans in the Government Hospital at Oteen.

6. **Indians.** The State Mission Board is responsible for giving the Gospel to the Indians in Robeson county. Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Lunsford have been working there for several years.

7. **Negroes.** Beginning with 1935 the Baptist State Convention undertook some cooperative work with the Negro State Con-

vention. After careful search a man was found in the person of Rev. W. C. Somerville who undertook the task of arousing and enlisting the quarter of a million Negro Baptists in the State. The convention is continuing this work, and the success which Brother Somerville is achieving brings real gladness to the hearts of all those who believe we ought to cooperate in every way possible with our Negro brethren.

8. **General Missionaries.** There are two, M. O. Alexander and J. C. Pipes. Mr. Pipes spends his full time in the western area of the State. These men spend their time in holding revivals, visiting general meetings, helping churches to get together in fields, etc. Another man could be used in this work to great advantage. The State is too large to be covered by only two men.

State Missions, however, in conjunction with Christian Education, has another function, and one which is probably more important than any of those mentioned above. In a very vital sense, Foreign Missions and Home Missions, as well as all other objects, wait upon an aggressive program of State Missions and Christian Education. These agencies are the S.O.S., the Service Of Supply, for all other agencies. The writer was during the World War in a combat division living in the trenches or near the front. But behind the lines, and reaching all the way to the United States, was a continuous line of men and women serving those of us who were on the front. Had they failed in their service of supply to us, disaster would have been inevitable. If likewise State Missions fails, retreat and perhaps disaster will, and ought, to overtake us as a people in our Foreign and Home Mission efforts. Let us, therefore, maintain an aggressive program of State Missions. In so doing we shall not only win North Carolina but the world.

The Home Missions report, submitted by Rev. Ottis Cook, was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

We would request the brethren to rethink Home Missions. In all our fields millions of souls are dependent upon the Home Mission Board for the Word of Life. Our Brethren in Black—10,000,000 right at our door—are looking to us for help. Five Million foreigners spiritually marooned on our shores are a challenge to our passion for the lost on every hand. Wherever we turn there is the plea of the underprivileged—the man without a chance, here in the homeland gropes his way in spiritual night. In Oklahoma and New Mexico more than 150,000 Indians will never have the chance if the Home Mission Board does not send them the Gospel. The 225,000 Spanish-speaking people in New Mexico will never know about Christ as a personal Saviour unless

some one goes to them with the New Testament story of God's love. Eight hundred thousand Mexicans on this side of border will struggle on in their spiritual night unless Missionaries are sent to them to preach the gospel of salvation. There is much land to be possessed.

Home Mission Board is doing a great work. We have 174 workers, 679 churches and mission stations from 1935 to 1936. Report of work: 60 new missions opened; personal work: persons reached, 5,563; number of conversions, 3,822; additions by baptism, 2,055; additions by letter or restoration, 1,154; total additions, 3,209; church membership reported 12,954; number Sunday schools, 408; average of attendance, Sunday Schools, 7,176; Sunday Schools organized, 16; churches constituted, 16; sermons preached, 9,254; prayer meetings conducted, 4,115; garments distributed, 753. The Home Mission Board owns and operates the Southern Baptist Sanatorium at El Paso, Texas.

Much is to be done yet. as the following figures will show:

Population of home fields	46,000,000
Unchurched	24,000,000
Foreigners	5,000,000
French Americans	750,000
Italian Americans	600,000
Jews	500,000
Negroes	10,000,000
Missionaries	247
Mission Stations	598

There is both religion and patriotism in the work of Home Missions. We are winning our land for its own salvation and we are wnning it to Christ for the salvation of the world. Many isms are attacking the foundations of our civilization just now. We must meet these isms with the Gospel of Christ.

If Christianity perishes from our land then will righteousness be overthrown and wickedness will destroy the nation. Each generation has to be evangelized. We must depend upon those who know Christ to preach the Gospel to those who know Him not. A people who have lost contact with Christ cannot become a missionary force. To win the world to Christ we must constantly and continuously give ourselves to the task of keeping our own land Christian.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. OTTIS COOKE.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted by A. C. Leatherman and read by Rev. J. R Cantrell. Report adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

There are two opposing emotions that move us as we study the

results of the work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for the past ninety-two years. As we view what has been done by God through the efforts of this Board in spreading the knowledge of Jesus to heathen nations we give Him praise and take courage. Then as we look on the fields that are white unto harvest and remember how small our efforts have been, we bow our heads in shame and ask the Lord to forgive us.

It was a small beginning ninety-two years ago when the Southern Baptist organized the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va. From that beginning there are now 417 missionaries preaching, healing and teaching in 14 foreign countries. There are 1665 churches, 198,640 members. These missionaries last year baptized 13,982.

In Nigeria, Africa, there are 35 missionaries, 100 churches, 20,-500 members with 900 baptisms last year.

In Brazil there are 92 Missionaries, 520 churches, 45,370 members, baptizing 3,964 last year.

In Chile there are 12 missionaries, 39 churches, 2,955 members, baptizing 69 last year.

In China we have 213 missionaries, 189 churches and 37,189 members, baptizing 3,073 last year.

In eight countries in Europe there are 42 missionaries, 653 churches and 87,829 members and above 5000 baptized last year.

The Southern Baptist spent last year $665,392 for Foreign Missions, but when we feel that above 13,000 were led into the water to be buried with Christ in baptism, our hearts are made to rejoice. May we go forward in this great work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. LEATHERMAN.

All Missions were discussed under one head—the Co-operative Program, and discussed by Rev. Perry Crouch, James R. Huffman, M. A. Huffman, E. F Sullivan and J. R. Cantrelll

A short report from each church by the delegates was heard. The convention, dismissed by L. W. King, adjourned until Friday morning at 9:30.

FRIDAY MORNING

The session opened by singing "Blessed Assurance." Devotional by Rev. J. O. Summerlin. Scripture Eph. 5th chapter, 1 to 13th verse—"Be good followers of God as dear children." Prayer by J. O. Summerlin.

The Association was called to order by the chair.

The report on Sunday Schools was submitted by R. C. White. Discussed by R. C. White, Rev. J. O. Summerlin, James R. Huffman and Noah Pruette. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The business of the Sunday School is to teach God's Word to every available person. Jesus, the world's greatest teacher, placed great emphasis upon teaching. He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature—teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Hence our churches accept this command and seek to teach God's word to every available person through the Sunday School.

It should be the desire of every Sunday School teacher to take pupil as he is and so teach him from week to week that he will eventually become what God would have him be in due time. Guiding life as it develops is an important matter, and is a glorious task for the church as it seeks to promote the work through the Sunday School. Many evil influences have been counteracted in the lives of boys and girls, and even men and women, by the teaching received in the Sunday School.

During the past twenty years Southern Baptists have enrolled more people in Sunday School than all other denominations put together, and yet there are ten and one-half million prospects for our Baptist churches. In North Carolina there are eight hundred thousand prospects for our Baptist Sunday Schools.

Every Sunday morning there are three people at home for every one we have in attendance. In this Association there are now 20 churches with 2,629 members. In these churches there are 20 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 2,147 pupils and 230 teachers and o.cers. If the law of average shows that there are three people at home each Sunday that should be present for every one present, then we have in this Association 6.441 people that are missing an opportunity to study God's Word every Sunday morning.

In presenting this report we urge renewed acceptance by the churches of the Sunday School as an instrument in the hands of Christian people to magnify the church to prevent crime, promote preaching attendance, keep Bible teaching under church control, win the lost to Christ, teach missions and enlist in missionary practices.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. WHITE.

I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, was recognized as a visitor.

Report on Mills Home, submitted by Rev. E. L. Mc-

Daniel and read by Miss Pauline Mace, was discussed by I. G. Greer, James R. Huffman, J. O. Summerlin and Noah Parker. Report adopted.

MILLS HOME

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, the Mills Home, can truly be called a home because every phase of home life is maintained in the orphanages. Every child receives special attention, care and training in education, health, religion, homemaking and in special vocational training. Last year 545 children were at Thomasville and 155 were at the Kennedy Home, a total of 700; also 49 families and 189 children cared for through the mothers' aid department.

The cost per child per month is $19.06.

The once-a-month offering through the Sunday School is doing fine things for them at Mills Home and Kennedy Home, and hoping greater things to be done for them. May God bless them.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McDANIEL.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief was submitted by Rev. Seth Ivester. Discussed by Seth Ivester and P. M. Deal. Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The report of Ministerial Relief—the heroes of battles—are given tribute of praise and pension for service rendered. Let us not forget that the greatest heroes of time are those who have fought in the front line of the spiritual warfare of Christianity and for the soul of man.

The work of the Old Ministers' Relief Board was turned over to the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas, Texas, in the year of 1918 and this board has charge of all funds sent for the relief and support of our aged and disabled ministers, their widows and dependents. It has been a great help to many of our old ministers and their widows by paying to them nearly two and one-half million dollars, and in addition to this the board has accumulated endowment and resources of approximately four millions and seven hundred thousand dollars. The service of the annuity is the major plan of the relief and for the promotion of old age dependency. And your committee commends it to the thoughtful consideration of the churches and pastors, just as the Foreign Mission Board in recognition of the denomination's obligation to the missionaries who go to lands afar has entered into an agency with the relief and annuity board and has thereby provided annuities for all foreign missionaries upon retirement after age of 65 years or earlier, in case of breakdowns. So the churches

should act through this same board in behalf of their ministers.

"And it came to pass when Moses held up his hands that Israel prevailed and when he let down his hand Amalek prevailed."

Report on Hospital was submitted by Rev. J. J. Waldrop and discussed by J. O. Summerlin and P M. Deal. Report adopted.

Adjournment of one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The session opened by singing "At The Cross." Devotional by Rev. Seth Ivester. Scripture 13th chapter 1st Corinthians. Prayer by James R. Huffman.

Called to order by chair. Report on W.M.U. was submitted by Mrs. J. R. Cantrell and read by Miss Pauline Mace. Report adopted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Looking back over fifty fruitful years of service rendered by the Woman's Missionary Union to the great denominational program of Missions; and seeing what it can and has done for the local church and community, it brings a keen conviction to our hearts that every Missionary Baptist Church should have a Woman's Missionary Union.

Beginning fifty years ago with ten little organizations we have grown to 2,913 including 1,819 young people's societies. Our membership is over fifty thousand ,and yet we have only about one-third of our women and young people enlisted. Our gifts to missions has increased from less than a thousand dollars to nearly two hundred thousand dollars.

A most important development in our work has been the special offerings of the Woman's Missionary Union. There are five, each one preceeded by a week of prayer. They are listed as follows:

1. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions.
2. The Annie W. Armstrong offering for Home Missions in March.
3. An offering in August each year for our Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville, Ky., and for the Margaret Educational Fund for the education of the children of our missionaries.
4. In September each year we make a special offering for our State Mission work.
5. The Heck Memorial offering in June, in memory of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, who was president of our Union for twenty-nine years. This offering is used to meet some special needs of our mission work.

May it be the purpose of the South Mountain churches to see

to it that there is such a union in every church in our association.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. CANTRELL.

Mrs. Lizzie Hull, of Vale, N. C., on motion was elected director of Woman's Work of the Association.

B.T.U. was discussed by Rev. J. O. Summerlin, who encouraged more interest to be taken in the B.T.U. work.

The committee on Digest of letters made report of findings. Refer to tables.

The report on Temperance, submitted by J. O. Summerlin, was discussed by Noah Pruette and P. M. Deal. Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE

When we think of temperance we think of alcohol. When we think of alcohol we think of the enemy of the human race, the enemy of the church, and of all that is good.

Those who favor flooding our State with whiskey say it will eliminate our country of the bootlegger. City Recorder Atkin, of Greenville, S. C., says: "South Carolina's new liquor stores is the bootlegger's best protection." Others say, "It is the bootlegger's haven." God's Word speaks in no uncertain terms against the outstanding evil (Prov. 20:1): "Wine is mocker and strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

In one coastal country a program is under way to get $500,000 worth of liquor sold and drunk for the year.

Most of our country's beer and whiskey plants are owned and controlled by foreigners who care nothing for our homes. Whiskey is not the only evil we have. The moving picture, the dance hall, swimming pool, and immoral conduct with our roadside cabins are attractions which we must rise up against. These tend to destroy the influence of the church and the sanctity of the home.

Your committee wishes to recommend that our fathers and mothers in the home give the necessary training along with our churches, Sunday Schools and B.T.U.'s for our young people to be able to say "no" to the evil one's enticement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. SUMMERLIN.

Report on Obituaries was submitted by Miss Pauline Mace and discussed by P. M. Deal and Seth Ivester. Report adopted.

REPORT OF OBITUARIES

We find that during the past year 17 of our members have died. They are as follows:

Connelly Springs—Mr. A. S. Wilson, Mrs. Henry Crees and Mrs. George Eckard.

Icard—Mr. J. W. Wilson.

Mt. Gilead—Mrs. Elmina Chapman.

Mt. Hebron—Miss Sadie Lowman.

Olive Grove—Mr. Aaron Brackett.

Pisgah—Miss Jane Costner.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Harvey Chapman and Mrs. Leila Poteat.

Shoup's Grove—Mr. Walter Lail.

St. Paul—Mr. Edward Crotts, Mrs. Jane Howell, Mr. Garland Newton, Mrs. Minnie Morrison.

Walker's Chapel—Mrs. Bertha Keller.

Zion Hill—Mr. J. L. Mull.

Respectfully submitted,
PAULINE MACE.

The following officers were elected:
Moderator—James R. Huffman.
Vice-Moderator—R. C. White.
Clerk—P. M. Deal.
Treasurer—A A. Parker.

James R. Huffman was elected delegate to Baptist State Convention.

Noah Pruette was elected as Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

The resolution of thanks to Pisgah Church for its hospitality was submitted by R. C. White. Adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, that we, the messengers and visitors from various churches, express our thanks and appreciation to the good people of Pisgah Church and community for the generous hospitality and splendid fellowship manifested while in their midst.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. WHITE.

Clerks report for printing of Minutes of last year was:

Printing cost	$35.00
Mailing	2.00
Total	$37.00

Minute fund last year—$45.60.

Minute and Clerk this year see Finance Committee Report.

B.T.U. REPORT

The following is a condensed report of B.T.U.'s in the Association, not enough reports to make a table:

Bethany—2 Unions—1 Senior, 1 Junior—Enrollment 50.
Connelly Springs—2 Unions—1 Senior, 1 Junior—enrollment 27.
Mt. Hebron—1 Union.

WOMAN'S WORK

Only one church—Mt. Vernon—has a W.M.U. organization, which gave the following report.

W.M.S., 14 members; Y.W.A., 14 members; G.A., 12 members; R.A., 13 members; Sunbeams, 1 member—Total 54 members.

The Executive Committee of the Association recommended that each church have at least one week of training some time during the year.

On motion to adjourn the Association was dismissed by Rev. J. O. Summerlin.

The Association stands adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 4 miles west of Casar, N. C, on Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1937, at 10:00 a. m., on what is known as the Mariah Road.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator
P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

Constitution

1. This Association shall be called "**The South Mountain Baptist Association.**

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members over 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismissal from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Mission, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually twenty members who shall constitute an Executive Committee, one member from each church, of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be an ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for that session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Baptist Association, for Year Ending October 1, 1936

CHURCHES	Is It in a Village, Town, City, or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observance Lord's Supper During Yr.	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported last Yr.	Gains				Losses				Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1886	C. A. Abernethy, Icard	1&3	75	5	2			4				60		2	1	
2—Bethany	Village	1893	R. L. Councilman, Morganton	1&3	279	19				6				294		1	2	
3—Beulah	Country	1905	J. O. Mull, Vale, R.F.D.	3rd	66	3								69		1		
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1899	C. L. Devine, supply, Con. Springs	1&3	223	3	6			6	1		3	223		1	1	1
5—Corinth	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore		96	4				1				101		1	1	
6—Icard	Village	1918	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton	1&3	133	3	2			2			1	140		1	1	
7—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	Ottis Cook, Casar, R.-1	3rd	171	3	2			1				175		1	4	2
8—Mt. Vernon	Country	1828	J. R. Cantrell, Newton	Full	164	17	1			3				179		1	4	2
9—Mt. Gilead	Country	1828	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	1st	38	1							1	35		1		
10—Mull's Chapel	Country	1872	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, R-1	2&4	84									85		1	3	
11—Mt. Hebron	Country	1929	M. I. Harris, Valdese	1&3	76	11	5						1	99		1	1	1
12—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	4th	144	4					1		1	146		1	3	
13—Pisgah	Country	1840	J. O. Summerlin, Chester, S. C.	3rd	83	11	6						1	100		1	1	2
14—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	Ottis Cook, Lawndale	2nd	107	11							2	118		1	4	
15—St. John's	Country	1842	Seth Ivester, Lawndale	3rd	132	7			1	1				139		1	1	1
16—Shoup's Grove	Country		E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore		117	9							1	126	yes	2		
17—St. Paul	Country	1867	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	2nd	349	2	4			6	2	7	4	333		1		
18—Smart's Grove	Country	1935	Dewey Newton, Belwood, R-1				9							9	yes	1		
19—Walker's Chapel	Country		Dewey Newton, Belwood, R-1		117	4				8			1	114		1	1	
20—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1895	J. L. Street, Lawndale	2&4	110					2				108		1	1	1
21—Zion Hill	Country	1850	Seth Ivester, Lawndale	1st	163	14	3			3			1	173	yes	1	2	3
				Total -	2727	131	40		1	43	4	7	17	2781		23	31	13

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.
JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Of South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina, Year Ending October 1, 1936

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION								
		Beginners 3-6 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Over	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment, including Officers Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have You a Mission Sunday School?	Contributions (Local Work) Given by Sunday School	Gifts (Missions) given by Sunday School	Grand Total for All Purposes Given by Sunday School
1—Abee's Chapel	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Spgs R-1	8	8	10	16	8	16	5		10	81	40	yes			1				
2—Bethany	J. B. Setzer, Hildebran	19	10	65	43	34	40	12	15	36	274	180	yes			19	yes			
3—Beulah	Cecil Mull, Vale, R.F.D.	8	17	20	20		47				100	75								
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs R-2	12	25	24	16	25	48			15	160	94	yes		6	3		253 64	41.03	294.67
5—Corinth	J. L. Newton, Casar, R-1									7	95	60				4		11.77		
6—Icard	Rev. M. A. Huffman, Icard	19	19	21	27	21	26			13	146	85	yes			2		25.00	3.00	146.00
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar R-1	18	17	15	12	25	25			8	120	66	yes		4	3		60.40	15.61	94.30
8—Mt. Vernon	Burgin Hull, Vale	25	11	22	30	9	45			16	148	100	yes			12		31.58	6.07	37.65
9—Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Edith Clark, Con. Springs R1																			
10—Mull's Chapel	Lester Rhoney, Con. Springs R1	10	10	20	10	12	12			4	78							5.00		14.60
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. S. L. Lagle, Connelly Sps. R1	9	16	21	25	13	24	12	3	11	134	74	yes					223.45	78.74	302.19
12—Olive Grove	Bruce Sisem, Belwood, R.F.D.									9	85	65				4				
13—Pisgah	Noah Pruette, Casar	5	5	20	18	20	24			14	106	74	yes		12	11		30.00	10.00	40.00
14—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, Connelly Springs R1	12		10	10	29	14	6		7	88	58				11		13.65	49.50	63.15
15—St. John's	J. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs			18	16	24	19	15		12	94	48	yes			6				80.00
16—Shoup's Grove	Charlie Taylor, Connelly Spgs. R-1	18	17	15	15	16	18	5	4	19	128	85				8				
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood, R-1	12	7	19	21	21	26	15	5	17	143	70	yes	yes	10	2				
18—Smart's Grove	Rev. T. McDaniel, Connelly Sp. R1	9	8	12	8		24			7	41	40	yes					3.85		3 85
19—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, Morganton, R-4	11	13	11	10	7	23	9		9	80	50	yes		3	1		15.95	30.00	45 95
20—Wilkie's Grove	Sherley Hudson, Valdese									9	117								9.72	66 10
21—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs R1	9	10	28	23	23	41	5		37	139	82	yes		11	10		30.00	10.00	46.00
	Totals - - -	208	194	351	320	287	472	84	27	269	2357	1346			46	97		$704.37	$253.71	$1.228.46

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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association — Year Ending October 1, 1936

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Ch'ch Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	Edward Lowman, Valdese R-1	Yes	1886	Wood	300	1		8	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00		$1000.00
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran	Yes	1935	Brick		9	7	9	6,000.00	6,000.00		2000.00
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney, Vale, R.F.D.	Yes	1905	Wood	200	1			1,000.00	1,000.00		800.00
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs, R-2	Yes	1935	B. V.	400	5	5	4	4,000.00	4,000.00	900.00	2500.00
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, R-1	Yes	1884	Wood	300	1			820.00	820.00		
6—Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	Yes	1918	Wood	300	1	5	7	1,000.00	1,000.00		
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar, R-1	Yes	1935	B. V.	500	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
8—Mt. Vernon	J. G. Leatherman, Vale	Yes	1933	B. V.	700	12	2	12	5,000.00	5,000.00	50.00	
9—Mt. Gilead	S. S. McNeely, Connelly Sps, R-1	Yes		Wood	400	1			1,000.00	1,200.00		
10—Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Lester Mull, Conn. Sprgs. R1	Yes	1923	B. V.	450	6			9,000.00	9,000.00		
11—Mt. Hebron	Marie Taylor, Connelly Spgs. R-1	Yes	1929	Brick	300	1	6	6	4,050.00	4,050.00		
12—Olive Grove	C. M. Cook, Casar, R-1	Yes	1884	Wood	400	1			1,500.00	1,600.00		
13—Pisgah	A. A. Parker, Casar, R-1	Yes	1933	B. V.	1000			10	4,000.00	4,000.00	250.00	
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Connelly Spgs. R-1	Yes	1876	Wood	400	1	11		1,000.00	1,100.00		
15—St. John's	James R. Huffman, Connelly Spgs.	Yes	1922	Wood	800	1		7	3,000.00	3,000.00		2000.00
16—Shoup's Grove	M. G. Collins, Hildebran	Yes	1892	Wood	300	1	10	10	1,500.00	1,500.00		900.00
17—St. Paul	J. W. Rich, Belwood, R-1	Yes	1929	Wood	1000	3	10	10	2,500.00	2,500.00	223.67	
18—Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, Connelly Springs R-1	No										
19—Walker's Chapel	Brintie Huffman, Morganton	Yes	1915	Wood	300	1		8	1,200.00	1,200.00		
20—Wilkie's Grove	J. C. Fortenberry, Hickory, R-1	Yes	1895	Wood	400	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
21—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Sprgs. R-1	Yes	1889	Wood	800	9	1	8	2,000.00	2,000.00		200.00
			Totals	-	9250	57	57	99	$54,070.00	$54,370.00	$1,523.67	$9400.00

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of South Mountain Baptist Association—Year Ending October 1, 1936

CHURCHES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK										
	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	$ 200.00		$ 25.00			$ 4.00	$ 14.45		$ 3.00		$ 276.45
2—Bethany	240.00		80.05			42.96	74.24	7.27	4.00	29.13	477.65
3—Beulah	50.00		18.53				5.72		1.50	14.15	87.40
4—Connelly Springs	300.00		45.00		445.00	81.81	87.63	4.50	4.00		967.94
5—Corinth	52.76		16.00						2.00	11.71	82.53
6—Icard	235.26		25.00	350.00		27.00		10.00	3.00		615.26
7—Mt. Zion	113.45	2.23	17.93	42.30	300.00	12.80	25.54	12.53	2.00	11.81	528.49
8—Mt. Vernon	397.45						35.04		3.00	10.00	435.49
9—Mt. Gilead									3.10		12.50
10—Mull's Chapel	120.00					5.00	14.99			2.50	142.49
11—Mt. Hebron	109.62	10.25	32.50		75.78	22.85	34.23	5.62	2.00	20.60	223.45
12—Olive Grove	90.65			100.00		1.80	14.00		2.00		212.75
13—Pisgah	98.50			175.00	250.00	20.00	30.00	5.00	2.00		580.38
14—Pleasant Grove	113.76	22.00	33.21	30.64					2.00		199.61
15—St. John's	100.00		30.00			18.00	21.00		2.50	7.00	179.50
16—Shoup's Grove	197.52		18.43			4.95	53.32	8.62	2.00		283.85
17—St. Paul	149.20		35.75	268.00	47.00		34.08		2.85		392.70
18—Smart's Grove	9.18		4.10	123.15			6.85	15.00	1.00		159.28
19—Walker's Chapel	78.64		17.39		15.75	17.25	15.96	8.40	2.00		155.37
20—Wilkie's Grove	211.74		20.00						4.00	6.04	221.98
21—Zion Hill	133.03		30.75	175.00		4.80	30.00	11.32	2.61		287.51
Totals -	$3000.70	$34.48	$449.85	$1164.09	$1133.53	$263.22	$496.51	$88.26	$50.56	$112.94	$6,522.58

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JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.

TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION, AND ALL BENEVOLENCES — South Mountain Baptist Association, Year Ending October 1, 1936

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-Operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian and Ministerial Education	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Other Special Gifts	(Missions, etc.) Total Given for Missions & Benevolences by the Church and all Depts.	Gr. Total, All Purposes, Both Local Work and Missions, Given by Church and all its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	Mrs. John Lowman, Valdese R-1	$10.00						$ 20.00			$ 30.00	$ 276.45
2—Bethany	Jones Abernethy, Hildebran		100.32					67.26	2.70		170.28	647.28
3—Beulah	Mrs. A. J. Yancey, Vale, R.F.D.											
4—Connelly Springs	Vercie Bridges, Connelly Springs				14.36			27.51	14.84	11.83	68.54	1,036.48
5—Corinth	J. G. McNeely, Lawndale, R-1											
6—Icard	Julia Carswell, Icard							3.35	3.00			
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar, R-1							15.61		3.07	18.68	548.30
8—Mt. Vernon	Mrs. A. L. Gantt, Vale	47.53						8.32	2.10		54.95	490.47
9—Mt. Gilead											14.60	157.09
10—Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Lester Mull, Con. Spgs, R-1							10.74	3.86			
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. E. E. Stroup, Con. Spgs, R-1	5.31		4.65	4.87	30.00		27.71	6.20		44.83	302.19
12—Olive Grove	O. C. Cook, Belwood							4.00				
13—Pisgah	Pauline Mace, Casar, R-1	15.00						10.00			25.00	605.28
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Con. Springs, R-1			4.00	31.00			9.00	1.60		51.00	250.60
15—St. John's	H. G. Hoyle, Connelly Spgs. R-1	20.00						10.00			30.00	208.50
16—Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, Connelly Spgs. R-1							13.57			13.57	283.85
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood, R-1			10.00	2.80	2.84		11.78			41.59	486.95
18—Smart's Grove	M. M. Smart, Connelly Springs R1											159.28
19—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, Morganton, R-4			1.00	1.00			10.00	1.00	17.00	30.00	185.37
20—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, R1			4.35	2.62			10.20	2.75	34.44	54.36	342.44
21—Zion Hill	Avery Cook, Lawndale, R-4	15.00					3.45	10.00	2.50		15.00	315.96
	Total -	$112.89	$100.32	$24.60	$55.65	$32.84	$3.45	$269.05	$40.55	$66.34	$662.40	$6,396.49

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.
JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.

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Corinth—Clifton Batts
Icard—J. B. Epps
Mt. Zion—Rolen Price
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Mt. Gilead—Sanford McNeely
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Olive Grove—A. T. Spake
Pisgah—Noah Puett
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St. John's—Nellie Wright
Shoup's Grove—M. G. Collins
Smart's Grove—M. M. Smart
St. Paul—R. C. White
Walker's Chapel—J. M. Huffman
Wilkie's Grove—Lester Hudson
Zion Hill—W. M. Hudson

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

M. A. Huffman, Icard, N. C.
Albert Hudson
B. H. Parker, Icard, N. C.
Ovie Cook
J. J. Waldrop
Seth Ivester
Dewey Newton, Casar, N. C.
Ottis Cook
J. O. Mull, Vale, N. C.
Julius Hildebran, R.-1, Hickory, N. C.
Lincoln Denton, R-4, Morganton, N. C.
Rev. E. M. Walker, Hildebran, N. C.

PROGRAM

First Day—Forenoon

10:00—Devotional
10:15—Enrollment of Messengers
10:30—Religious Literature
1. Christian Education — Seth Ivester
2. Biblical Recorder — J. B. Leatherman
11:30—Sermon — R. L. Councilman
12:15—Miscellaneous
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotional
1:40—Election of Officers
1:45—Report from Churches
2:15—Cooperative Program
1. State Missions — E. L. McDaniel
2. Home Missions — Ovie Cook
3. Foreign Missions — M. I. Harris
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

Second Day—Forenoon

9:30—Devotional
9:45—Mills Home — C. A. Abernethy
10:15—Hospitals — Ivey Cook
10:30—Old Ministers' Relief — Dewey Newton
10:45—Woman's Work — Mrs. B. K. Rogers
11:00—Sunday Schools — J. J. Waldrop
11:30—Digest of Letters
12:00—Miscellaneous
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotional
1:45—B.Y.P.U. — E. M. Walker
2:15—Temperance — J. R. Cantrell
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

A. A. PARKER,
O. O. RHONEY,
J. R. PRICE,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1937.

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 27th annual session with Mt. Zion Baptist Church on October 14, 1937. Opened by singing "Revive Us Again."

Devotional by Rev. M. I. Harris. Scripture 2nd Sam. 14th Chapter.

Called to order by chair. Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled as follows:

ABEE'S CHAPEL: Rev. C. A. Abernethy, Mrs. John Lowman, Mrs. Odis Lowman and Edward Lowman.

BETHANY: Rev. R. L. Councilman, R. D. Mostiller, D. H. Page, Ernest Yoder and Carl Abernethy.

BEULAH: O. O. Rhoney, Mrs. O. O. Rhoney and Cecil Mull.

CONNELLY SPRINGS: Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Walker, P. M. Deal, Walter Berry, J. E. Deal, A. C. Page, Mrs. Guy Smith and Mrs. B. K. Rogers.

CORINTH: H. G. McNeely, Earl Newton, O. Short and Martha Hoyle.

ICARD: P. A. Berry, J. B. Epps, Mrs. Clarence Chronister, Mrs. J. B. Epps and Mrs. John Bolick.

MT. ZION: S. Proctor, Mrs. Joe Logan, Nolin Newton and Miss Viola Newton.

MT. VERNON: John Leatherman, P. M. Leatherman, Mrs. K. Davis, Mrs. Dorse Upton and Mrs. I. B. Hull.

MT. GILEAD: W. T. Chapman, W. M. Parker, Mrs. Edith Clark and S. S. McNeely.

MULL'S CHAPEL: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mull, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rhoney.

MT. HEBRON: Will Huffman, Mrs. C. M. Stroup, Mrs. G. A. Hildebran, and Ruth Hoyle.

OLIVE GROVE: Charlie Crotts, Bruce Scism, A. T. Spake and O. C. Cook.

PISGAH: A. A. Parker, N. W. Pruette, Mrs. J. T. Buff, and D. A. Costner.

PLEASANT GROVE: Max Hudson, J. L. Denton, J. R. Carswell and J. M. Walker.

ST. JOHN'S: Guss Hoyle, Lester Vanhorn, Miss Nellie Wright, and James R. Huffman.

SHOUPE'S GROVE: M. G. Collins, Girtie and Lucy Collins, Charlie Taylor, and C. W. Crotts.

ST. PAUL: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crotts, R. C. White, E. L. Towery, C. C. Crotts, C. D. Downs, J. C. Earles.

SMART'S GROVE: Flora Lail, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Smart and Mary Ellen Smart.

WALKER'S CHAPEL: Mr. and Mrs. Mackie Huffman, and Edward Cook.

WILKIE'S GROVE: Mr. and Mrs. Julius Huffman and W. J. Burns.

ZION HILL: Avery Cook, M. C. Buff, W. M. Hudson, Mrs. Gertie Proctor, and Mrs. Pearl Ramsey.

The Association recognized the following visitors: J. A. McCoins, of Pilot Mountain Association; LeRoy Thomas, of Caldwell Association; W. R. Beach, Biblical Recorder representative; and L. P. Hass, of the Caldwell Association.

The report on Religious Literature, submitted by Rev. E. L. McDaniel, was discussed by W. R. Beach. Report adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The Biblical Recorder serves the Baptists of North Carolina as a weekly messenger and should be read by more of our people. Its pages teach us of the great works that the Baptist are doing in North Carolina. How much the Recorder is needed in every home words can not express. We can have the Recorder come in our home for $2.00 per year. How cheap it is to have this religious literature for our children to read and plan in their minds the great work that the Baptists are doing; its pages teach us the work of the W. M. U. and the Sunday School work and B.Y.P.U. work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McDANIEL.

Report on Hospital was read by Rev. Ottis Cook.

HOSPITAL REPORT

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital located at Winston-Salem, N. C., is owned and controlled by the Baptist denomination in North Carolina, and is state-wide in its service. In the year 1935 3753 patients entered the hospital. They came from Cherokee county in the extreme west and New Hanover in the extreme eastern part of the state, and from almost every section of the state between these points—to be exact 67 counties were represented this last year.

The hospital received from the Duke Endowment last year a little more than $14,000. Apart from this they depend upon the churches and Sunday schools, through their Mother's Day offerings for the caring of this vast number of free and part pay patients.

It opened for patients in May, 1923. Since its opening up to the present time about forty thousand patients have been admitted and treated. About three thousand were treated last year. The average admitted at present per month is 350—almost one hundred per day. 1,000 were turned away last year for want of room.

Many more churches are giving to the Mother's Day offering than in 1933, and the offering for 1937 is now over $20,000. We request that every church in this assocation make as liberal offering on Mother's Day to our Baptist Hospital. The hospital has a fine staff of 66 doctors and surgeons; also 30 trained nurses, 15 young ladies in training now. The signs that shall follow those who believe in His Name we shall cast out devils, heal all manner of disease. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. OTTIS COOK.

Discussed by J. A. McCoin. Report adopted.

Song, "Happy Day." A sermon was delivered by Rev. J. R. Cantrell, his text being 9th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 15th verse. Prayer, led by Rev. M. I. Harris. The congregation joined in singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear."

Visitors were Rev. O. K. Webb of Morganton and J. W. Costner of Kings Mountain Association. Miscellaneous business was attended to.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: R. C. White, Miss Nellie Wright and W. J. Bivens.

Committee to Nominate Executive Committee: J. M. Huffman, Lester L. Mull, J. M. Walker, M. M. Smart and Charlie Taylor.

Committee on Place and Preacher: John Leatherman, Sammie Proctor and J. B. Epps.

Program Committee: A. A. Parker, O. O. Rhoney and Roland Price.

Committee on Digest of Letters: Rev. Dewey Newton, Mrs. Will Hudson and Avil Cook.

Committee on Obituaries: Charlie Wright.

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened by singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There." Devotional by

Rev. R. L. Councilman, his scripture reading being 12th chapter of St. John. Prayer, led by Rev. O. K. Webb.

Report from each church by delegates was next in order. Each church was present by letter and delegation and made a very good report of their work during the past year, and hoping to do better during the coming year.

The South Mountain Institute was represented by Miss Ora Hull, who spoke of her school in a great way, telling what it was doing for the unfortunates who could not get into other schools and orphanages. A collection was taken for the school to the amount of $7.52 and turned over to Miss Hull.

Report on Sunday Schools was submitted by S. A. Carswell, and read by J. B. Epps.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The business of the Sunday School is to teach God's Word to every available person. Jesus said, Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. This should be the aim of every Sunday School.

It should be the desire of every Sunday School teacher to take the pupil as he is and teach him in Christian living, guiding his life until he is able to take care of a responsible place in the church.

During the last twenty years Southern Baptist have enrolled more people in Sunday School than all other denominations put together, yet there are millions of people for us to get into our Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School Board through its five year plan in seekng to enroll 500,000 new pupils until 1941, North Carolina should enroll at least 50,000 of them.

In presenting this report we urge renewed acceptance by the church of the Sunday School or an instrument in the hands of Christian people to magnify the church to prevent crime, promote preaching attendance, keep Bible teaching under church control, win the lost to Christ, teach missions, and enlist in missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. ABERNETHY.
S. A. CARSWELL.

Discussed by W. R. Beach and Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted by Rev. C. A. Abernethy. Discussed by Rev. C. A. Abernethy.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is grateful to God for His manifold blessings and to Southern Baptists for their loyalty and love, prayers and gifts.

For the calendar year 1936, the Board received from the several States of the Convention the sum of $959,794.74. In addition to this amount, we received from income on endowment funds, bequests and miscellaneous sources, the sum of $46,003.60. From the sale of property and special gifts for debts, was received the sum of $34,776.23, making a grand total of $1,040,-574.57. Thus for the first time in several years the total income passed the million mark.

The total budget exclusive of debt funds, for 1937, was fixed at the October meeting at $789,165.73.

The goal set by the Woman's Missionary Union for the 1936 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was $175,000.00. We have received a total of $291,761.72. Out of this princely offering, $100,-000.00 was set aside for the salaries of 125 missionaries. The gift is a veritable life saver for the Board and enables us to go through the lean months without a deficit.

In 1927 the Board had a total of 544 missionaries on the rolls. In 1934 there were 377 in the active service of the Board. Since January 1, 1933, the Board has appointed 90 new missionaries and reappointed 28, making a total of 118 replacements. On April 1, 1937, there were 56 emeritus missionaries on pension, and 415 missionaries in the active service of the Board.

No new mssionaries were appointed at the semi-annual meeting of the Board in April when local and State representatives assembled to consider lengthening the cords. A long look into the future cannot justify any enlargement until the regular systematic receipts through the Cooperative Program increase. The first quarter's receipts show only an even break. The Board cannot consider risking any project that may incur any more debt on the Board. For future growth Southern Baptists must increase their regular Sunday to Sunday gifts to God for His work beyond the seas.

The Board now has work in sixteen different foreign countries. In these lands there are 63 missionaries who are 60 years of age and over. The need for replacements is indeed acute and desperate. Great care is exercised in selecting those who are to fill the places where the needs are very great. Requirements for new missionaries are being raised each year in order that only the best will be chosen.

Discussed by M. A. Huggins. Report adopted.

Rev. W. C. Laney, a visitor from the South Fork Association, was recognized.

Report of Nominating Committee was submitted. See lisit of Executive Committees. Report adopted.

The Association adjourned until Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Rev. Julius Hildebran.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 15, 1937, 9:30 O'CLOCK

The morning session was opened by singing "I Need Jesus." Devotional by Rev. Otis Cook, Scripture St. John 14th verse. Prayer by Rev. E. L. McDaniel.

Called to order by the chair.

Report on Mills Home was submitted and read by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Discussed by R. D. Covington and James R. Huffman. Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Master when here among men, put a high estimate upon the worth of the child, and while holding them fondly in His arms forever committed His followers to their care and protection. Of all the flowers of Christianity, there is none more beautiful and fragrant than loving, sympathetic care for little children.

The romantic history, as well as the size and efficiency of our own Thomasville Orphanage, is a source of pride and joy for all North Carolina Baptists. Born as it was in the inspired imagination and glowing heart of J. H. Mills, and laid upon the hearts of our people, the Orphanage was assured of a bright day, even though it must needs come through shadows. The fact that its present happy estate came out of tears, agonizing prayers, and arduous labors, gives it a bigger place in our affection, and vouches safe its future.

North Carolina Baptists are justly proud of the Thomasville Orphanage, as it occupies a position among the first in size and efficiency. While we feel this pride, our hearts are sad because there are hundreds of little hands extended, calling for help, and for lack of space they are turned away. May our contributions and prayers, and loyal support, make it possible to reach even a much larger number.

There are now at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home above 600 children. These are being well cared for. Indeed, their advantages are just as good as can be provided in the absence of parents. The fact is, parents must be of high order to do for their children what the Orphanage is doing for its great family. A

number one grammar grade school; an accredited high school; a fine Sunday School, and a church that keeps a good consecrated pastor all the time.

The later service which the Orphanage is seeking to render is not one whit less important, and indeed where conditions are such that admit of it, it is perhaps greater. The work referred to is Mothers' Aid. No one, nor any institution can take the place of mother, therefore where a worthy mother, by a little help, could keep the family together, she is encouraged to keep the children; and under competent guidance by Miss Edwards this aid is administred. Above three hundred are thus aided and kept with their mothers.

All these great facts in themselves make a powerful demand upon our people. There is no doubt that on each first Sunday and at Thanksgiving the Baptists of North Carolina will send in ample funds to carry on the work, and if possible should make it large enough to complete the plans for great enlargement.

In the coming years may we give the Orphanage the place it rightly claims in our prayers and in our giving.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CANTRELL.

R. D. Covington, of Mills Home, was a visitor.

The report of Committee on Place and Preacher gave the following report:

We, your committee on Place and Preacher, beg to submit the following report: The place for the meeting of the next Association to be held with Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church, and Rev. R. L. Councilman to preach the annual sermon.

JOHN LEATHERMAN,
J. B. EPPS,
SAM PROCTOR,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Report of the Program Committee was submitted by A. A. Parker. See program in front of Minutes. Report adopted.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief called for; no report. Discussed by Rev. A. A. Lockee and J R. Cantrell.

A committee to divide the Association into two Sunday School districts was appointed as follows: A. A. Parker and Miss Nellie Wright.

The Sunday School committee report recommending that the

Association be divided into two districts, with Guy Smith superintendent of one district and Rev. E. L. McDaniel the other.

R. C. WHITE.
NELLIE WRIGHT,
A. A. PARKER.

Report on B.T.U. was submitted by Mrs. Glen Weaver; read by Rev. E. M. Walker. Discussed by Mr. Walker. Report adopted.

B.T.U. REPORT

A wide-awake B.Y.P.U. is necessary to any church. Its purpose is to train and prepare young Christians for places in the church organization.

The programs are taken from the quarterlies and the Bible. Daily reading and study of the Bible is encouraged and one of the most important parts of the program is the Bible Quiz.

The Union is divided into groups of about eight members wth captains who supervise the work. Each member is given a part at least once a month. Officers are chosen semi-annually so that new members can be trained and developed. A B.Y.P.U. has a social side also where the young people can enjoy clean fun.

The members are taught to speak and pray in public. They gain confidence and are better fitted for whatever work they may be called on to do. A church usually finds its teachers and officers in the B.Y.P.U. No other part of the church work can take its place because it gives the proper training that all Christians need if they are to do their best work for the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. TROY JANE WEAVER.

On motion the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Dismissed by Rev. A. A. Lockee.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing "Near The Cross." Special song by Collins Trio, "I'll Be Listening For My Name."

Devotional by Ivey Cook. Scripture St. Mark 2nd chapter. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Lockee.

Called to order by chair.

Report on Obituaries was submitted and read by Miss Charlcie Wright; discussed by James R. Huffman and Rev. E. L. McDaniel. Report adopted.

We find that during the past year there were 24 of our members who have died. They are as follows:

Abee's Chapel—Mrs. Elizabeth Lowman.

Bethany—Mrs. Will Wycoff and Mrs. Pinkney Propst.

Connelly Springs—Mrs. J. M. Lail, Miss Ruth Lail, and Mrs. A. C. Page.

Mull's Chapel—Mrs. Eugene Rhoney, Mrs. Alice McLurd.

Mt. Hebron—C. Marvin Stroupe.

Olive Grove —C olumbus Hurle, Mrs. Emaline Cook, Mrs. Pearl Yancey.

Pleasant Grove—K. Ross.

St. Paul—John F. Cook, Will Cook, Mrs. Alvin Cook, Mrs. Ida Downs, Mrs. J. Z. Hoyle, Miss Jettie Newton, Miss Bessie Richard, Mrs. Mary Mode, Mrs. Fanny Edwards.

Zion Hill—Mrs. Ida Yancey.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLCIE WRIGHT.

No report on Temperance was submitted. The subject was discussed by Rev. A. A. Lockee, P. M. Deal, Ottis Cook and R. D. Covington. Adopted.

Woman's Work was discussed by Mrs. B. K. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers will write report for next year. Adopted.

The following officers were elected:

For Moderator—R. C. White.

Vice-Moderator—C. C. Crotts.

Clerk—P. M. Deal.

Treasurer—Miss Nellie Wright.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved: That the thanks of this body is due and hereby tendered to Mt. Zion Church and community for their kind hospitality and splendid fellowship during this sesson of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WHITE.

Report on State Missions was submitted by Rev. A. A. Lockee. Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is that department of our missionary work through which we carry on a missionary program in our own State, and through our organization of Sunday Schools, Baptist Training Union, Ladies' Missionary Union and the enlistment work, as carried on by our General Secretary. As his helpers, we are seeking to teach, train and enlist all of our people in all the work of our Master's Kingdom. It is needless to enlarge on the fact that State Missions is fundamental and absolutely essential to all our denominational work in North Carolina.

We are glad to report that this work is moving forward. We feel that M. A. Huggins, our progressive and hard-working secretary, will be able to make a good report at our next State Convention.

Through the State mission work each year there are added numbers of Missionary churches and pastors aided. Many churches are helped each year in building new churches or in the payment of old debts. The work among the Indians in Western North Carolina is being continued. Also we are paying half the salary of an enlistment worker among the colored people.

Besides these, State Missions is fostering a most splendid and effective work through its enlistment department, and in the college through the Student Unions.

Our Pastor's Schools, planned and supported by the work of State Missions, is of great value to our pastors, and is a worthwhile agency in Kingdom building.

The mission work at Oteen Hospital among our sick soldiers is a most worthy use of State Mission contributions.

State Missions needs and deserves the most loyal support of every pastor, every church and every church member in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. LOCKEE.

No report was made on Home Missions. All Missions discussed under the head of the Co-operative program by M. A. Huggins.

B.T.U. work being too small for a table, is condensed as follows:

Connelly Springs	1 Junior, 1 Senior,	Enrollment 32
Mt. Hebron	1 Senior,	Enrollment 23
Mull's Chapel	1 Junior, 1 Senior,	Enrollment 50
Mt. Zion	1 Senior,	Enrollment 50
Pisgah	1 Senior,	Enrollment 30

REV. E. M. WALKER, Director.

There being only two churches doing woman's work, the clerk of the Association submitted the following report:

Connelly Springs	W.M.S. 1	Enrollment	10
Mt. Vernon	W.M.S. 1	"	14
" "	Y.W.A. 1	"	14
" "	G.A. 1	"	12
" "	R.A. 1	"	13
" "	Sunbeam 1	"	24
" " Total			77
" " Offering, Total			$2.65

CLERK'S REPORT

Printing of Minutes for 1936	$35.00
Mailing	3.00
Total	$38.00

Minute Fund—$50.00
Minute Fund for 1937—See Finance Report.

P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Minute Fund

Mull's Chapel	$2.45
Mt. Vernon	2.70
Walker's Chapel	1.00
Mt. Hebron	2.00
Icard	3.00
Mt. Zion	2.00
Zion Hill	2.45
St. John	2.00
St. Paul	3.00
Pleasant Grove	2.00
Abee's Chapel	3.00
Corinth	2.00
Smart's Grove	1.30
Olive Grove	2.75
Pisgah	2.00
Shoup's Grove	2.00
Wilkie's Grove	3.00
Bethany	4.00
Connelly Springs	4.00

Rev. E. M. Walker was appointed as delegate to the State Baptist Convention.

Chair called for motion to adjourn. Moved and seconded to adjourn until next year. The Association stands adjourned to meet with Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church, four miles south of Hildebran, N. C., on the Johnson Bridge road, on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1938, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

JAMES R. HUFFMAN, Moderator.
P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

Constitution

1. This Association shall be called **"The South Mountain Baptist Association.**

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members above 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismissal from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually twenty members who shall constitute an Executive Committee, one member from each church, of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be an ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for that session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Baptist Association, for Year Ending October 1, 1937

CHURCHES	Is It in a Village, Town, City, or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP									Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observance Lord's Supper During Yr.	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported last Yr.	Gains				Losses			Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1886	C. A. Abernethy, Icard	1&3	60		1					1	60		1	1	
2—Bethany	Village	1893	R. L. Councilman, Morganton	1&3	294	11	4						306	No	1	2	
3—Beulah	Country	1905	L. P. Hass, Granite Falls	3rd	69	2				1			70		1		
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1899	E. M. Walker, Hilbebran	1&3	223	17	9			12		3	238	Yes	1	1	1
5—Corinth	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Mooresboro		101	7	1		1			2	110	Yes	1	1	
6—Icard	Village	1918	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton	1&2	140	6	2	2		5			145		1	1	
7—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	Ottis Cook, Casar	3rd	175					2			173		1	3	2
8—Mt. Vernon	Country	1924	J. R. Cantrell	Full	164	4							178		1	4	2
9—Mt. Gilead	Country	1820	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	1&3		5							43				
10—Mull's Chapel	Country	1872	Seth Ivester, Lawndale	2&4	85	9						2	92		1	3	
11—Mt. Hebron	Country	1929	M. I. Harris, Valdese	1&3	99				10			1	108		1	1	1
12—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Lattimore	2&4	146	7					1	4	149		1	3	
13—Pisgah	Country	1840	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton			2				2			100		1		
14—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	Ottis Cook, Casar	2nd	107	6						1	112		1		
15—St. John's	Country	1842	Ottis Cook, Casar	1st	139	2			1				14		1	1	1
16—Shoup's Grove	Country	1892	Ottis Cook, Casar	2&4	126	10		2		25			113	Yes	1		
17—St. Paul	Country	1869	Seth Ivester, Lawndale	2	333	19			1	10	8	9	308		1		
18—Smart's Grove	Country	1935	Dewey Newton, Vale, R-2	2&4	9	5	2	1					17	Yes	1	4	
19—Walker's Chapel	Country	1915	Dewey Newton, Vale, R-2	1&3	114	5		1	1	1		1	124		1		
20—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1895	L. P. Hass, Granite Falls	2&4	110	6		1		4		3	108		1	2	2
21—Zion Hill	Country	1880	L. E. Snipes, Glen Alpine	2&4	173	2	1			6	5	1	164		1	2	3
			Totals	-	-	2667	123	20	7	14	68	14	28	2732		20	29	12

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TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Of South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina, Year Ending October 1, 1937

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION										
		Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 ears	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment, including Officers Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Did you hold a Vacation Bible School?	Enrollment of Vacation School	Average Attendance Vacation School	Contributions (Local Work) Given by Sunday School	Gifts (Missions) given by Sunday School	Grand Total for All Purposes Given by Sunday School
1—Abee's Chapel	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs	12	7	10	16	10	12	4		11	82	50	yes	no						$211.00	$ 35.00	$251.00
2—Bethany	J. B. Setzer, Hildebran	20	14	56	39	39	41	15	12	23	294	165	yes	*		11	yes	52	30	110.46	69.34	178.80
3—Beulah	Cecil Mull, Vale		17	8	8	10	32			8	81	46				2						
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs	18	24	31	20	37	50	11	4	17	212	104	yes		10	17				165.43	72.84	
5—Corinth	J. L. Newton, Casar	19	14	22	16		15			7	95	57				7				16.00	2.77	
6—Icard	M. A. Huffman, Connelly Springs	16	15	16	25	24	30			12	138	85	yes			6						
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar	8	16	18	12	33	30			13	130	76	yes							42.00	18.04	60.04
8—Mt. Vernon	J. B. Hull, Vale	10	17	19	29	17	26				118	57	yes			2						
9—Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Zula Chapman, Con. Springs										80	45										
10—Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Addie McClurd, Valdese	6	9	18	18	18	11	7		16	93	50	yes			9	yes	67	40	5.42	10.50	15.92
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. S. L. Lagle, Connelly Springs	11	15	14	18	30	21	19	2	12	142	76	yes								22.71	49.74
12—Olive Grove	Bruce Scism, Belwood, R.F.D.	10	6	10	16	10	14			8	72	64				7				16.27		16.27
13—Pisgah	N. W. Pruette, Casar	7	10	21	21	18	32	9		9	127	83	yes		3	2				50.00	10.00	60.00
14—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, Connelly Springs										65	50				6				5.55		
15—St. John's	Richard Franklin, Connelly Spgs.		12	21	24	18	24			12	101	62	yes			2				15.00	30.00	45.00
16—Shoup's Grove	Charlie Taylor, Connelly Springs	17	12	16	8	13	5	5		17	93					10				33.33	5.00	38.73
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood									20	166	70	yes	yes		10						
18—Smart's Grove	John H. Smart, Connelly Springs	12	8	10	10		12			8	60	40	yes							13.93		13.93
19—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, Morganton, R-4	19	11	20	2	24	25			10	100	41	yes			2				18.75	11.72	30.47
20—Wilkie's Grove	Shurley Hudson, Hickory, R-1									8		52								71.00	12.30	83.30
21—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Spgs. R-1	10	17	14	20	10	35	6		21	128	79	yes	yes		2				35.00		
*6 Point	Totals - -	195	224	324	302	311	415	76	18	232	2377	1346			13	95		119	70	$809.14	$300.20	$841.20

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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association—Year Ending October 1, 1937

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Ch'ch Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	Edward Lowman, Raldese, R-1	Yes	1886	Wood	300	1			$ 1,500.00			$ 1,000.00
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran	Yes	1935	Brick		9	7	7	6,000.00	6,000.00		2,000.00
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney, Hickory	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1			1,000.00	1,000.00		800.00
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs	Yes	1935	B. V.	400	5	4	5	3,371.65	4,000.00	600.00	2,000.00
5—Corinth	H. G. McNeely, Casar	Yes	1884	Wood	300	1			820.00	820.00		
6—Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	Yes	1918	Wood	300	1	*8		1,000.00	**1,900.00		
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar	Yes	1935	B. V.	500	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
8—Mt. Vernon	J. G. Leatherman, Vale	Yes	1934	B. V.	700	12	2	12	5,000.00	5,000.00		
9—Mt. Gilead	S. S. McNeely, Connelly Springs	Yes	1820	Wood	400	1			1,000.00	1,200.00		
10—Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Lester Mull, Connelly Spgs.	Yes	1923	B. V	450	7	11	6	9,000.00	9,000.00		
11—Mt. Hebron	Miss Marie Taylor, Connelly Sp's	Yes	1929	Brick	300	1	6	6	4,050.00	4,050.00		
12—Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, Belwood, R.F.D.	Yes	1926	Wood	500	1		5	2,000.00	2,100.00		
13—Pisgah	A. A. Parker, Casar, R.F.D.	Yes	1932	B. V.	1000	10	10	9	3,000.00	3,000.00	55.00	
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Moragnton, R.F.D.	Yes	1876	Wood	400	1	9	9	1,000.00	1,000.00		
15—St. John's	Jas. R. Huffman, Connelly Springs	Yes	1922	Wood	800	1		8	3,000.00	3,000.00		2,000.00
16—Shoup's Grove	H. L Lee, Hildebran	Yes	1892	Wood	300	1	10	10	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,000.00
17—St. Paul	J. W. Rich, Belwood	Yes	1929	Wood	1000	14		14	2,500.00	2,500.00	65.00	
18—Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, Connelly Springs R-1	Yes	1936	Wood	300	1			500.00	550.00	75.00	
19—Walker's Chapel	Philo Huffman, Morganton, R-4	Yes	1915	Wood	300	1	*	9	1,200.00	1,250.00		
20—Wilkie's Grove	J. C. Fortenberry, Hickory, R-1	Yes	1895	Wood	400	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
21—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Spgs. R-1	Yes	1880	Wood	800	9	1	8	2,000.00	2,000.00		1,200.00
*Curtains.	**Building fund in Bank.			Totals -	9750	80	68	108	$45,341.65	$61,972.00	$ 795.00	$10,000.00

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of South Mountain Baptist Association
Year Ending October 1, 1937

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK											
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	Mrs. John Lowman, Valdese R-1	$ 200.00		$ 26.00				$ 17.95		$ 3.00	$ 5.00	$ 251.95
2—Bethany	Jones Abernethy, Hildebran	240.00	35.80	70.00			46.05	72.38		4.00		540.69
3—Beulah	Mrs. A. J. Yancey, Vale	40.00	15.00									68.05
4—Connelly Springs	Vercie Bridgers, Connelly Springs	470.00		45.40			74.98	90.45	10.50	4.00	26.38	721.71
5—Corinth	C. A. Botts, Casar	68.97					5.04			2.00		120.01
6—Icard	Julia Carswell, Icard	300.00	15.00	25.00	2.50		25.00	32.06	70.50	3.00		473.00
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar	90.00		23.50				30.00		2.00		145.50
8—Mt. Vernon	A. C. Leatherman, Vale	376.00					9.94	27.50				413.44
9—Mt. Gilead	Mrs. W. T. Chapman, Con. Spgs.	75.00	3.90	3.18				5.00				87.08
10—Mull's Chapel	W. L. Rhoney, Vale	145.00			24.50		5.44	28.50		2.45		205.89
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. E. E. Stroup, Connelly Spgs.	122.28	19.77	35.25	31.63		64.73	48.08	11.00	2.00	20.00	354.76
12—Olive Grove	Bruce Scism, Belwood, R.F.D.	90.68		29.29	75.00		3.85	16.27				215.09
13—Pisgah	B. A. Parker, Casar	181.95			32.00	204.42	5.00	56.00		2.00		418.37
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Morganon, R.F.D.	155.87		26.50				15.00				187.37
15—St. John's	Gus Hoyle, Connelly Springs	100.00		15.92			16.00	19.55	8.54	2.00		139.76
16—Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, Connelly Springs	145.29					2.00	44.08		2.00	52.47	245.84
17—St. Paul	J. C. Earles, Belwood	209.20		35.00		136.00	3.05	38.31		3.00		424.26
18—Smart's Grove	M. M. Smart, Con. Springs, R-1	45.46	8.66	5.25				13.93		1.30		74.30
19—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, Morganton, R-4	94.88		15.26			24.32	18.75		1.00		156.76
20—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, R-1	203.46		12.85	110.00	11.45				3.00	7.17	347.93
21—Zion Hill	T. E. Mull, Lawndale, R-4	164.23		47.01	56.20		4.80	35.00	1.00	3.00	21.55	313.09
	Totals - -	$4,426.27	$98.13	$415 41	$331.63	$351.87	$338.20	$608.75	$101.54	$ 39.75	$132.57	$5,898.87

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Beulah—O. O. Rhoney
Connelly Springs—Guy Smith
Corinth—Clifton Batts
Icard—J. B. Epps
Mt. Zion—Rolen Price
Mt. Vernon—J. B. Leatherman
Mt. Gilead—Sanford McNeely
Mull's Chapel—J. B. Rhoney
Mt. Hebron—E. E. Stroup
Olive Grove—A. T. Spake
Pisgah—Noah Puett
Pleasant Grove—J. R. Carswell
St. John's—Nellie Wright
Shoup's Grove—M. G. Collins
Smart's Grove—M. M. Smart
St. Paul—R. C. White
Walker's Chapel—J. M. Huffman
Wilkie's Grove—Lester Hudson
Zion Hill—W. M. Hudson

List Of Ordained Ministers

M. A. Huffman, Icard, N. C.
Albert Hudson
B. H. Parker, Icard, N. C.
M. L. Cook, Lawndale, N. C.
J. J. Waldrop
Seth Ivester
Dewey Newton, Casar, N. C.
Ottis Cook, Casar, N. C.
J. O. Mull, Vale, N. C.
Julius Hildebran, R.-1, Hickory, N. C.
Lincoln Denton, R.-4, Morganton, N. C.
Rev. E. M. Walker, Hildebran, N. C.

PROGRAM

First Day—Forenoon

Program of Speaker will be arranged by J. R. Cantrell just before the Association.

10:00—Devotional
10:15—Enrollment of Messengers
10:30—Religious Literature
1. Christian Education—M. A. Huffman
2. Biblical Recorder—E. L. McDonnell
11:30—Sermon
12:15—Miscellaneous
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotional
1:45—Report from Churches
2:15—Election of Officers
Cooperative Program:
1. State Missions—A. A. Lockee
2. Home Missions—Seth Ivester
3. Foreign Missions—C. A. Abernethy
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

Second Day—Forenoon

9:30—Devotional
9:45—Mills Home—J. R. Cantrell
10:15—Hospitals—Otis Cook
10:30—Old Ministers' Relief—J. J. Waldrop
10:45—Woman's Work—Mrs. E. M. Walker
11:00—Sunday Schools—S. A. Carswell
11:30—Digest of Letters
12:00—Miscellaneous
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon

1:30—Devotional
1:45—B.Y.P.U.—Rev. E. M. Walker
2:15—Temperance—Dewey Newton
3:15—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

B. H. PARKER,
CHARLCIE WRIGHT,
S. A. CARSWELL,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1938

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 28th annual session with Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church on October 13, 1938. Opened by singing "Wonderful Words of Life."

Devotional by Rev. W. L. Cook. Scripture St. John 14th chapter.

Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled as follows:

ABEE'S CHAPEL: John Abee, Mrs. Odis Lowman, Odis Lowman.

BETHANY: McCoy Johnson, R. D. Mosteller, D. H. Page, Mrs. J. M. Rhoney.

BEULAH: O. O. Rhoney, Mrs. W. A. Rhoney, O. L. Rhoney, Cecil Mull, Ottis Mull.

CONNELLY SPRINGS: P. M. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry, Mrs. B. K. Rogers, J. E. Wilson, John E. Deal, M. C. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Walker, Mr. and Mrs John Lowman

CORINTH: H. G. McNeely, Beulah McNeely, Rumford S. Manley.

ICARD: P. A. Berry, J. B. Epps, Mrs. Ruby Swann, Mrs. C. M. Chronister.

MT. ZION: R. S. Short, Effie Short, Sammie Proctor, Rev. Ottis Cook.

MT. VERNON: L. H. Blanton, Forest Bumgardner, S. C. Wesson.

MT. GILEAD: W. T. Chapman, Douglas Parker, S. S. McNeely.

MULL'S CHAPEL: W. L. Rhoney, Mrs. W. L. Rhoney, Len Waters, Mrs. Len Waters, Lester Mull.

MT. HEBRON: Mrs. C. M. Stroup, Mrs. G. A. Hildebran, Mrs. H. C. Taylor, T. O. Stroup.

OLIVE GROVE: C M. Cook, Charlie Crotts and Johnnie Spake.

PISGAH: N. W. Pruette, Mrs. Ada Buff, Minnie Mace, Mrs. Pauline Warlick, A. R. Buff.

PLEASANT GROVE: J. L. Denton, Rev. L. Denton, J. M. Walker, Anna Denton, Max Hudson, Barbara Hoyle.

ST. JOHN'S: Nellie Wright, Richard Franklin, Mrs. Richard Franklin, Lola Buff, Bettie Hildebran.

SHOUP'S GROVE: Charlie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crotts, G. H. Evans, Henry Brittain.

ST. PAUL: R. A. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crotts, Mrs. Thurman Davis, John Newton, E. L. Towery.

SMART'S GROVE: Johnnie Lail, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Smart,

Willie Lail, Chris Smart, Council Rector and Flora Lail.

WALKER'S CHAPEL: Miles Huffman, Guss Watts, Kelly Swink, E. D. Cook, Scott Huffman.

WILKIE'S GROVE: J. P. Brittain, W. A. Burns, J. L. Hudson, Plato Moss, Mrs. Edna Young.

ZION HILL: Wm. Hudson, Stewart Ramsey, L. I. Ledford, Pearl Ramsey, T. E. Mull, Annie Michem, Gertie Proctor.

Visitors recognized were as follows: J. A. McKoughan of Pilot Mountain Association, Baptist Hospital; J. W. Costner, of Kings Mountain Association; M. L. Cook, of Kings Mountain Association; M. A. Adams, of Sandy Run Association, Temperance Worker; and Rev. J. C. Canipe, of Boone, N. C.

Report on Christian Education was submitted by Rev. Seth Ivester, and discussed by Rev. J. A. McKoughan. Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In the terrritory of the Southern Baptist Convention there are 72 schools, colleges and seminaries. There are 29 senior colleges with over 1200 students of whom 753 are ministerial students. All these college have a high standard of Christian ideals.

But nevertheless we want to limit our report to our neighbor junior college here in the vicinity—Boiling Springs, Cleveland County, N. C., a Baptist co-educational junior college in its eleventh year.

Boiling Springs College Board of Trustees: Judge E. Y. Webb, president, Shelby, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Suttle, vice-president, Shelby, N. C.; Mr. W. L. Hicks, secretary, Henrietta, N. C.; Mr. E. B. Hamrick, treasurer, Boiling Springs, N. C.
Mr. D. C. Whitaker, W. L. Hicks, J. U. Rollins, E. B. Hamrick and Rev. J. W. Suttles.

Executive committee: Judge E. Y. Webb, Mr. A. W. McMury,

Special mention must be made of our college at Boiling Springs here at our doors It is forging forward in the face of difficulties. This school must have our personal, our spiritual and financial support. This college has been sponsored by some of the outstanding men of North Carolina, namely, its president, Judge Webb. The college opened its first session on September 3, 1928, with J. B. Donis, M.A., Th.M., as president, and J. D. Huggins, A.B., who had been connected with the high school since its beginning, as its first dean. Succeeding President Donis were the following: Zeno Wall, D.D., 1930-1932; J. L. Jenkins, A.B., 1932-1935; A. C. Lovelace, A.B., M.E.D., 1935-1936. George J. Burnett A.B., M.A., is the present president.

Universal education is our national aim, an open school door

before every child born in the land, and all encouraged to make the largest possible use of the opportunities furnished. Without an education is worse than the loss of an arm in this day of increasing education. The father who denies to his son the advantage of the school and sends him out uneducated to compete with the boys well educated is more cruel than the father who would cut off a son's arm. The loss of an arm is not nearly so great a handicap as the lack of a Christian education.

Without this education is a lesson like a brick. A single brick is a useless thing, but many brick joined together by mortar make a wall, and a wall is of great value. So one lesson seems of little importance, but many lessons joined together make an education that is priceless. And as one brick taken out of a wall leaves an ugly hole, so one lesson missed mars the beauty and strength of the Christian education.

To be without an education is like a dull axe and a sharp axe. The boy or girl that drops out of school under the delusion that the money he can earn will be worth more to him than an education, makes a fatal mistake.

As the wood chopper can afford to stop chopping long enough to keep his axe sharp, so the student can afford to postpone money earning long enough to complete his education. The difference between meeting life's problems with a trained mind and a dull mind is even greater than the difference between chopping wood with a sharp axe and a dull one.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. SETH IVESTER.

The Temperance report was changed from second to first day, and was submitted and read by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Report was discussed by M. A. Adams, of the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, and J. C. Canipe.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The supreme need of the hour in temperance is action, not talk. Conviction is crying for the mastery, not appetite. Courage is the need now, not cowardice. Faith is the touchstone, not doubt. Strength is the demand, not weakness. Righteousness needs to gird her loins and defy evil. Truth needs to be exhalted and error dethroned. The man in man is the need of the hour. Practical temperance is crying unto God for vindication, and justice is pleading to be crowned. All of these things would weave a garland of victory for temperance and crown her queen in the midst of her enemies and scoffers. If these things would mean victory. What about them as they relate to us—Everything. We

are responsible for our sector. Let us shape that into success and place the burden elsewhere.

Let us form law enforcement leagues in every community. Let us stand in both talk and practice for temperance; let us encourage and help the officers in law enforcement. Let us stand for temperance both at home and abroad; let us cry aloud and spare not. Your committee offers the above report to be put into practice, believing it would mean victory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CANTRELL.

Report was adopted. A collection for dry cause amounted to $11.00 and was turned over to M. A. Adams.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance, Claude Crotts and Ruffin Short.

Committee on Preacher and Place: J. B. Epps, E. L. Towery and Wm. Hudson.

Committee on Program: Rev. J. R. Cantrell, O. O. Rhoney and C. C. Crotts.

J. R. Robbins, of Sandy Run Association; C. A. Brittain, of Kings Mountain Association; and S. A. Stroup, of Caldwell Association, were recognized as visitors.

Song, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus," was led by C. R. Upton.

The sermon, text first six verses of third chapter of St. John, was delivered by Rev. Ottis Mull.

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Dismissed by Rev. J. R. Cantrell.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Session opened by singing "In the Sweet By and By." Devotional by Rev. Seth Ivester. Prayer by R. C. White. A special song, "If Christ Is Crowded Out," was rendered by C. R. Upton and J. R. Roberts.

The following officers were elected:

R. C. White, Moderator.

C. C. Crotts, Vice-Moderator.

P. M. Deal, Clerk.

Miss Nellie Wright, Treasurer.

Report from church was the next order of business. A good report from all the churches in the Association, by letter or delegation, was received.

Rev. E. M. Walker made a talk on non-residential membership.

The report of Committee on Place and Preacher was as follows:

We, your committee on Place and Preacher, beg to submit the following report: that the place be Icard Baptist Church, and the preacher will be Rev. Dewey Newton, with Rev. E. M. Walker as substitute.

The report on B.T.U. work was submitted and read by Rev. E. M. Walker, and discussed by E. M. Walker.

B.T.U. REPORT

The B.T.U. is a service of the church—nothing more, nothing less—and has its distinct place among the various services of the church. The B.T.U. is the church herself at work in the business of doing a certain definite and specific and needed duty. It is the church at work training her members for service.

There is within the heart of every truly converted person a desire to serve in some way his Lord. The B.T.U. offers a place to begin this service. It encourages each one to make a beginning in service for God.

There is a great need for a B.T.U. in every church in this Association. It has been the desire of the director this past year to place within the hearts of the pastors and leaders the desire to take part in meeting this great need. This movement must first come from within the hearts of the pastors and leaders of the Association if it goes forward. If we are to march on to victory for Christ we must train a member to march.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. WALKER.

A miscellaneous talk was delivered to the Association by Rev. M. A. Huffman.

The Association adjourned until Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and was dismissed by Rev. M. A. Huffman.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1938

Opened by singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Devotional by Rev. M. A. Huffman. His subject was "Our Relation One to Another." Prayer by Rev. M. A. Huffman.

The Report on Orphanage was submitted by C. A. Abernethy and read by Rev. E. M. Walker. Discussed by Rev. M. A. Huffman. Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The purpose of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina as provided in the charter, section four, is "to prepare poor and prom-

ising orphans for the duties and responsibilities of life." The Orphanage therefore, is not an institution for the feeble minded, neither is it a reformatory. It functions in the field where it can be of the greatest service.

Since the home was founded in 1885 it has had four general superintendents, J. H. Mills, 1885-1895; J. B. Boone, 1895-1905; M. L. Kesler, 1905-1932; I. G. Greer, 1932 ——.

The Orphanage operates two homes, the Mills Home at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home at Kinston. The administrative office, with I. G. Greer, General Superintendent, and R. D. Covington, Treasurer, is located at Thomasville. The Social Service department, under the supervision of Miss Hattie Edwards, is administered from the main office at Thomasville. J. C. Hough is Superintendent at the Kennedy Home, Kinston, Route 2.

The present policy is that no child be received without careful investigation. We strive to do real case work, diagnosing each case, thereby adjusting many applications without receiving them into the home. New emphasis is being placed on the receiving end of the line. Of equal importance is the going back to the old community or a new one. Keeping in touch with relatives of the children while they are with us, and making proper adjustments for them when they leave is one of the most important phases of our work. It is of supreme importance that they have a steadying as they go out to take their place in life.

The Orphanage is constantly being confronted with two embarrassments. First, it is impossible to make room for all who apply for admission; and second, it is equally impossible for our case workers to make investigation immediately on receipt of applications.

Perhaps no other Orphanage in all the world is so bound up with the Sunday schools as ours. Almost from the beginning our chief support has come from the once a month collections from the Sunday schools. There are 2437 Sunday schools in North Carolina. If each one of these schools would take a collection and send it in monthly it would enable our treasurer to pay all obligations promptly. So far the policy of the once a month collection, as adopted by the Baptist State Convention, has proved to be the most satisfactory method of financing the Orphanage.

The health record of the Orphanage is unparalleled. Out of the large family in the two homes only one child has died in over six years. This health record is attributed largely to the fact that the children are fed well and that they eat and sleep regularly. They are clothed appropriately for the season. They work hard, play hard and study hard under proper supervision.

The orphanage boys and girls have educational advantages that

compare favorably with those offered by other schools of the state. The Kennedy Home children attend the La Grange school where they have the same privileges a sother children of the community. In addition to the regular course of study these children have the advantage of an excellent music course given under the direction of Mr. J. B. Alderman. Results have been most gratifying. The Mills Home school is a unit in the Thomasville graded system. Standard work is done through the grades and high school. Special courses are given in shorthand, typewriting, home economics, vocational guidance and music. The boys and girls who take advantage of these special courses find it much easier to get work when they leave the home. Through the generosity of Dr. Glenn Choate, of Salisbury, the Mills Home owns an excellent set of orchestra instruments. Under the supervision of Mr. W. B. Lord, music director, the children are beginning to make these instruments sound like an orchestra.

One of the greatest assets in the life of the Orphanage is the library. Here the children not only have access to the best books and choicest magazines, but their reading is directed by a skilled librarian.

Charity and Children, as its organ, is the right arm of the institution. The work of the job department has grown until it is a big business enterprise within itself. It gives valuable training to quite a number of the boys. The circulation of the paper is now 27,870. We ought to have a club in every Sunday school. The price to single subscribers is $1.00, in clubs of 10 or more to one address, 60 cents per copy a year. The plan in these clubs is to furnish a copy of the paper to each family represented in the Sunday school.

Children are received between the ages of 2 and 12, and dismissed according to preparation rather than age. We receive from 50 to 100 applications a month.

The expense bill averages $452.14 per day—one barrel of flour a day, 4 bushels of meal, whole beef when used all around, 6 bushels of sweet and 4 of Irish potatoes, and other things in proportion.

Each cottage has its own dining room and kitchen.

At Mills Home children go to school half the day and are on duty (those old enough) the other half.

The herd of Holstein cattle now numbers 47 good milkers. At the Kennedy Home 15 are being milked daily. The herd is regularly tested for tuberculosis. It has been for several years free from disease and therefore an accredited herd. We have milk sufficient to supply every child with a quart a day.

Under supervision the laundry work is done by a group of the

larger girls. More than ten thousand pieces of clothing are handled every week.

Well equipped poultry farms furnish chickens and eggs for the institution in addition to providing training for the boys.

In the sewing department the girls are taught to make and mend the clothing for the children.

The church life of the Orphanage is one of the most important phases of the work. The membership of the Mills Home and Kennedy Home churches is composed of the workers and children directly connected with the institution. The churches are financed entirely by the members. No contributions that come to the Orphanage are used for the support of the church. Well organized Sunday schools are conducted every Sunday morning followed by preaching service at eleven o'clock. Both churches are fortunate in having full graded Woman's Missionary Societies and special emphasis is placed on the work for the young people. Visiting friends are always welcome to any of these services.

What becomes of the chidren when they leave? Most of them will make good. Many are now holding places of usefulness and honor in the civic, economic and church life of the communities where they live. "An orphans' home is a place where sometimes the least prospects furnish the greatest opportunity and the smallest investment brings the greatest returns."

To North Carolina Baptists the Thanksgiving season and orphan children are inseparable. The orphanage is a channel through which men and women who want to do something in the name of Jesus may enrich their spiritual lives. What shall the harvest be? You have the answer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ABERNETHY.

Report on Baptist Hospital was submitted and read by Rev. Ottis Cook.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

When Established—The Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient May 28, 1923—over 15 years ago.

Its Purpose—The Baptist Hospital was established for the purpose of providing hospital treatment for the sick of the entire State, especially those who are not able to pay for hospital treatment. It is further felt by the Baptist denomination that we could not be true to Christ whose representatives we are if we did not do something in a large way to relieve human suffering, especially those who are not able to pay for hospital treatment.

Three Buildings, Grounds and Equipment—The main hospital

is a six-story, fire-proof building, located on a beautiful elevation in the western part of Winston-Salem. It has a capacity of 108 beds and is equipped with modern conveniences for the care and treatment of the sick. On the same grounds nearby is located the nurses' home, a three-story fire-proof building with basement. This home was enlarged last year; its capacity was doubled and it can now house about 100 nurses. There are nine acres in the hospital grounds. More than half of these grounds is a wooded park.

The Personnel.—The hospital has a staff of 70 medical and surgical doctors, a specialist for every particular case is at the call of the hospital any minute, day or night. There are 91 nurses besides a number of special graduate nurses at the service of the patient day or night. These are well trained and well organized and go about their task with cheerfulness, kindness and consideration of the sick. Doctors and nurses work together for one noble purpose—the comfort and care of the sick.

Patients Treated.—On September 1, 1938, over 41,000 patients had entered the hospital since it was established, an average of 346 are admitted each month now.

The hospital is growing in its service, and a marked increase is shown in the number of patients.

Number of churches contributing and the amount contributed from year to year is noted. During the past year we had 4150 patients and turned away over 2004 for the lack of room. In the ytar 1937 there were 1932 churches that sent us a Mother's Day offering for the charity fund amount to $22,652.00.

REV. O. D. COOK.

The report was discussed by Rev. E. M. Walker and J. B. Epps. Report adopted.

Report on W.M.U. was submitted and read by Mrs. B. K. Rogers. Discussed by Mrs. Rogers and Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Report adopted.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK

Very near and dear to the heart of the Master is Missions. He came to earth as a missionary, bringing the message of Salvation from God to man. Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. And when He returned from earth to Heaven He left us this command: Go ye and carry my message to all nations, and lo I am with you all the way. Since 1888, 50 years ago, the W.M.S. with the four younger organizations, the Y.W.A., G.A., R.A. and S.B., have been doing their bit to carry this blessed news to the lost at home and abroad. Since that time many societies have been organized and over three million dollars have been given to missions. The programs are

taken from Royal Service which has a Bible Study and a missionary topic each month. Also daily Bible reading, daily prayer, giving and personal service are encouraged. As Mary of old received the call, the Master is come an dcalleth for Thee. Will you not, my dear sisters, hear and heed the call today, and give of your time and talents and means to speed the good news around the world?

MRS. B. K. ROGERS.

Visitors for this session were Mrs. Brittain and Mrs. Willis, of South Fork Association, and R. F. Ferrell, of the Biblical Recorder.

Report on Biblical Recorder was submitted and read by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Discussed by Rev. S. F. Ferrell. Report adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith a little over one hundred years ago. Since then it has served as organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our people. It is set for the constructive effort of our people in obeying the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to all the world. It is published in the interest of our Baptist work.

The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the certain reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset, and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friends.

It seeks to influence North Carolina people in Christian service by giving a weekly summary of our Baptist news, both local and general, by giving a Christian and Baptist interpretation of current events; by publishing the achievements of our schools, churches, Sunday Schools, B.T.U.'s, W.M.U.'s, and layman's work; by presenting letters and information from our missionaries at home and abroad; and by keeping us informed of what is being accomplished through our contributions.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. Read the best, and the best thing do, and the God of the best will reserve the best for you.

The price is only $2.00 per year—let's increase the circulation of the Biblical Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LEATHERMAN.

A resolution was made to have a Recorder representaative in the South Mountain Association. Rev. E. M. Walker was appointed to organize Recorder Clubs in every church.

The report of the Promotion Committee was submitted and read by Rev. E. M. Walker. Discussed by Rev. Perry Crouch.

REPORT OF PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The Promotion Committee rejoices over the success of the religious work of the South Mountain Association for the past year. There has been shown a greater interest in all the activities of the church.

The greatest progress has been made in the Sunday School work. The reports from the differnt churches inform us that there has been an increase in enrollment and attendance in all the churches of the Association.

Although progress has been made, we are only beginning and it is the desire of the promotion committee for each member to give his or her best to the work of the church in the coming year.

The committee regrets to announce that the churches have failed to reach their goal in contributing to the Cooperative Program. We hope that each church has set a new goal for the coming year and that each will strive to reach that goal.

It is our desire that our report for the coming year may show a great improvement over the last. Let us go forward for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. WALKER.

The report was adopted.

The Association adjourned one hour for lunch. Dismissed by Rev. Perry Crouch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened by singing "Jesus Paid It All." Devotional by Rev. E. M. Walker, scripture Col. 3rd Chap. and 2nd verse. Prayer by Rev. Perry Crouch.

Visitors were C. L. Stoney of South Mountain Institute and Misses Lucy Brown and Levada Pruette. The visitors discussed their work and its needs and a collection amounting to $5.15 was taken for the Institute.

The report on Digest of Letters was read by Rev. B. H. Parker. See tables for report.

The report of the Program Committee was submit-

ted by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Report adopted. For details of this report see program.

The Report on Obituary was submitted and read by Rev. Ottis Cook. Report adopted.

We find that during the past year 18 of our members have died. They are as follows:

Olive Grove—Mrs. Sallie Cook, Mrs. Ella Smith, Mrs. Lonie Setzer and Mrs. Frank Buff.

Bethany—Mrs. Will Johnson and Mrs. Connelly Cook.

Mt. Hebron—Mr. Davie Lail.

Abee's Chapel—Elizabeth Stamey.

Connelly Springs—Mr. George Bradshaw and Mrs. M. C. Smith.

Walker Chapel—Mrs. Sarah Huffman.

Shoup's Grove—Mrs. Martha Crotts, Mrs. Maryann Cline and Mrs. Dealie Brittain.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Estie Hudson.

Mt. Vernon—Mr. P. M. Leatherman.

Zion Hill—Mr. W. M. Bradshaw and Deacon J. N. Ganes.

Corinth—Mr. Hub Queen.

The Co-Operative Program was discussed by Rev. Perry Crouch.

The appointment of Sunday school superintendents was taken up at this time. Guy Smith was appointed for the northern end and E. L. Towery for the southern end.

Rev. E. M. Walker was appointed B.T.U. Director for the Association.

It was moved and second that the pastors organize a Pastors' Conference in the Association, the first meeting to be at Mt. Vernon church.

A resolution of thanks was extended to the Wilkie's Grove Baptist Church for its kind hospitality during the session of the Association.

A summary of B.T.U. work showed five churches with unions, with the following enrollment:

	Unions	Srs.	Jrs.	Total	Enrollm't
Bethany	2	7	8	15	15
Connelly Springs	2	15	12	27	27
Icard	2	18	20	38	38
Mt. Hebron	1	22		22	22
St. Paul	4	24	24	48	90

A summary of the W.M.U. work in the Association is as follows:

Connelly Springs—1 Organization; Eurollment 15; Contributions $11.98

Mt. Vernon—5 Organizations; Enrollment 60; Contributions $13.94.

Mrs. E. M. Walker was appointed director of the W.M.U. in the South Mountain Association for the following year.

CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1937

Printing of Minutes	$35.00
Mailing and other cost	5.00
Clerk's fee	10.00
Total	$50.00

For report of Finance Committee of 1938 see tables.

The Association adjourned to meet with Icard Baptist Church, 13 miles east of Morganton, N. C., on Highway No. 70, on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1939, at 10:00 A. M.

R. C. WHITE, Moderator.
P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

Constitution

1. This Association shall be called "**The South Mountain Baptist Association.**

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members above 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismissal from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually twenty members who shall constitute an Executive Committee, one member from each church, of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be an ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules Of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.
the Clerk shall be an ex-officio clerk.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Baptist Association, for Year Ending Oct ober 1, 1938

CHURCHES	Is It in a Village, Town, or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP									Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported Last Year	Gains				Losses			Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1884	C. A. Abernethy, Icard	1&3	72		1						1	60		2		
2—Bethany	Village	1893	E. M. Walker, Hildebran	1&3	306	8	5			3			2	314		1	2	
3—Beulah	Country	1905	L. P. Hass	1&3	69	2	1						1	69	*	1	1	
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1899	E. M. Walker, Hildebran	1&3	238	9	1			8			2	240		1	2	1
5—Corinth	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Mooresboro	3	101	7								106		1		
6—Icard	Village	1918	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton	1&4	145		5			3				147			1	
7—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	Ottis Cook, Casar, R1	1&3	173	16	6	1		1				195		1	3	4
8—Mt. Vernon	Country	1824	J. R. Cantrell, Morganton	2&4	178	7	1			11			1	174		1	4	2
9—Mt. Gilead	Country	1821	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	1&3	43									43		1		
10—Mull's Chapel	Country	1872	Seth Ivester, Lawndale	3&4	92	4				3				92		1	3	2
11—Mt. Hebron	Country	1829	M. I. Harris, Valdese	1&3	98	19	3			2			1	118		2	2	1
12—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Mooresboro	2&4	149	7	2			2	2		4	150		1		1
13—Pisgah	Country	1840	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton	2&3	100	13				5			1	107	*	1	1	1
14—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	Ottis Cook, Casar, R-1	2nd	114	6				17			2	100	*	1	3	
15—St. John's	Country	1842	Ottis Cook, Lawndale	1st	139	4				6				146		1	1	1
16—Shoup's Grove	Country	1892	Ottis Cook, Casar, R-1	2nd	113	13	6	2		5			3	126	*	1		
17—St. Paul	Country	1869	B. H. Parker, Icard	2nd	333	10	2	1		1			1	341		1	2	3
18—Smart's Grove	Country	1935	Dewey Newton, Vale	2&4	17	36	5	5		1			1	62	*	2	3	
19—Walker's Chapel	Country	1915	Dewey Newton, Vale	1&3	124	16	3			2			1	133		1	3	
20—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1875	Ottis Cook, Casar, R-1	2&4	108	8	2		13	4		2		121	*	1	2	1
21—Zion Hill	Country	1880	Seth Ivester, Lawndale	2nd	164	13				3			2	172		1	2	
*Hold weekly prayer meetings			Totals - - -		2876	195	43	9	13	77	2	2	23	3010		23	35	17

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.
R. C. WHITE, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Belwood, N. C.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Of South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina, Year Ending October 1, 1938

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Offices	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT									SPECIAL INFORMATION					
		Cradle Roll, Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Extension Department	Total Enrollment, Main School, Missions, Including Officers, Teachers, Pupils	What Is Aver. Attendance?	Baptisms from S.S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Diplomas	Enrollment
1—Abee's Chapel	F. A. Lowman, Connelly Springs	6	8	8	6	10	10	14	---	72	40	---	yes	---	5	---
2—Bethany	E. F. Yoder, Hildebran	---	15	15	31	38	35	36	---	244	150	8	---	---	---	170
3—Beulah	Marvin Blackwood, Vale	---	18	4	10	---	15	24	---	71	65	2	---	---	---	71
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs	14	14	15	28	23	40	47	6	183	118	9	yes	yes	---	---
5—Corinth	Odis Wortman, Casar	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	116	---	---	---	---	---	---
6—Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	6	12	12	22	21	22	35	---	146	85	---	yes	---	4	130
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar	---	8	16	18	12	33	36	---	130	65	14	---	---	---	---
8—Mt. Vernon	T. B. Hull, Vale	7	18	27	29	27	21	57	---	118	73	4	---	---	---	---
9—Mt. Gilead	Zula Chapman, Connelly Springs	10	12	12	---	---	---	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	46
10—Mull's Chapel	Lester Mull, Connelly Springs	---	5	7	19	26	17	8	---	91	---	4	---	---	---	---
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. S. L. Lagle, Connelly Springs	24	5	19	25	27	35	33	2	183	95	---	yes	---	---	---
12—Olive Grove	Bruce Scism, Belwood	---	11	7	10	13	21	15	---	77	68	7	yes	---	---	---
13—Pisgah	N. W. Pruitt, Casar	6	5	8	16	18	19	24	---	105	75	---	yes	---	9	---
14—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, Connelly Springs	---	12	---	6	10	6	6	---	45	---	---	---	---	---	---
15—St. John's	Bettie Hildebrand, Connelly Spgs.	2	6	6	17	14	20	14	---	102	65	---	---	---	---	80
16—Shoup's Grove	Charlie Taylor, Connelly Springs	7	15	12	19	15	20	17	---	120	---	---	---	---	---	---
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood	22	12	14	17	24	27	37	2	155	84	9	---	---	---	---
18—Smart's Grove	J. H. Smart, Connelly Springs	---	15	16	20	17	---	25	---	93	73	12	---	---	---	93
19—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, Morganton, R-4	---	8	8	14	12	13	28	---	133	---	---	---	---	---	---
20—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, R-1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	138	72	7	---	---	---	---
21—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs	8	10	20	33	31	15	45	---	151	99	10	yes	yes	---	11
	Totals -	112	209	226	340	336	369	514	10	2473	1257	86	---	---	18	601

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.
R. C. WHITE, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Belwood, N. C.

TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association — Year Ending October 1, 1938

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Properttyt	Indebtedness on All Church Properties	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	Edward Lowman, Valdese	Yes	1886	Wood	300	1	8	---	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	---	$ 1,000
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran	Yes	1935	Brick	400	9	7	7	6,000.00	6,000.00	---	2,000
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney, Hickory	Yes	1905	Wood	250	1	---	---	1,000.00	3,000.00	---	800
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs R-2	Yes	1935	B. V.	400	5	---	10	4,000.00	4,000.00	430.74	2,000
5—Corinth	H. G. McNeely, R-1, Casar	Yes	1884	Wood	300	1	---	---	820.00	820.00	---	---
6—Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	Yes	1893	Brick	250	11	10	10	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,200.00	200
7—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, R-1, Casar	Yes	1935	B. V.	500	1	---	---	2,000.00	2,000.00	---	---
8—Mt. Vernon	J. G. Leatherman, Vale	Yes	1934	B. V.	700	12	2	12	5,000.00	5,000.00	---	---
9—Mt. Gilead	S. S. McNeely, R-1 Connelly Spgs.	Yes	1820	Wood	400	1	---	---	1,000.00	2,000.00	---	---
10—Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Lester Mull, R-1, Conn. Sps.	Yes	1923	B. V.	450	6	---	---	9,000.00	9,000.00	---	---
11—Mt. Hebron	Marie Taylor, R-1, Connelly Sps.	Yes	1929	Brick	300	1	6	6	4,050.00	4,050.00	---	---
12—Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, R.F.D., Belwood	Yes	1926	Wood	500	1	---	5	2,000.00	2,100.00	---	---
13—Pisgah	A. A. Parker, R-1, Casar	Yes	1933	Brick	1000	10	9	9	4,000.00	4,500.00	---	---
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, R-4, Morganton	Yes	1890	Wood	400	1	6	6	1,000.00	1,000.00	---	---
15—St. John's	Clyde McClurd, Valdese	Yes	1922	Wood	400	1	1	---	2,000.00	2,000.00	---	---
16—Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Charlie McGalliard, Hildeb'n	Yes	1892	Wood	400	1	10	10	1,500.00	1,500.00	---	1,000
17—St. Paul	J. W. Rich, Belwood	Yes	1929	Wood	450	3	---	12	2,500.00	2,500.00	---	---
18—Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs	Yes	1935	Wood	300	1	---	---	500.00	550.00	40.00	---
19—Walker's Chapel	Filo Huffman, R-4, Morganton	Yes	1915	Wood	300	1	---	8	1,200.00	1,350.00	---	---
20—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, R-1, Hickory	Yes	1895	Wood	500	1	---	---	2,000.00	2,000.00	---	---
21—Zion Hill	L. E. Proctor, R-1, Connelly Sps.	Yes	1880	Wood	600	9	---	8	2,000.00	2,000.00	---	---
				Totals -	9100	78	59	103	$59,070.00	$62,870.00	$2,670.74	$8,500

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of South Mountain Baptist Association
Year Ending October 1, 1938

CHURCHES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK											Special Information	
	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday Schools, B.Y.P.U. and W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk of the Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations	Pledged to Cooperative Prog'm	Food, Money and Clothing Given to Orphanage
1—Abee's Chapel	$ 200.00		$ 10.00	$ 20.00		$ 45.35	$ 15.30	$ 8.00	$ 3.00	$ 42.25	$ 383.90	$10.00	$10.00
2—Bethany	240.00	20.00	50.00			48.10	71.69	15.75	4.00	35.12	494.66		
3—Beulah	92.95		15.00				15.51	1.25	1.00	2.65	127.36		
4—Connelly Springs	600.00		45.12	45.70	225.39	138.13	72.69		4.00	44.08	1,175.11		
5—Corinth	76.57	14.00	12.71				13.86		2.00				
6—Icard	300.00			5,000.00	3200.00	44.00	35.00	15 00	3.00	3.97	3,402.97		
7—Mt. Zion	108.68		33.28			55.22	32.00		2.25	10.45	261.88		
8—Mt. Vernon	335.87					19.45	38.41		2.00		495.73	50.00	
9—Mt. Gilead	35.00		5.00				7.50				48.00		
10—Mull's Chapel	128.77		14.00			1.02	18.00	8.00	3.00		289.99		
11—Mt. Hebron	167.50		86.75	28.00		29.25	58.00	17.28	2.00	13.10	401.28		yes
12—Olive Grove	100.00					21.75	17.47	5.90	2.40	1.00	148.12		
13—Pisgah	232.70					134.82	30.83	10.00	2.50		410.35		
14—Pleasant Grove	120.02		20.00			20.00	14.00		2.00		176.02		
15—St. John's	117.29		52.00			24.00	25.60		2.50		209.87		
16—Shoup's Grove	178.07						54.71		2.00		232.78		
17—St. Paul	175.00		66.02		136.00	50.50	62.34	26.83	3.00	2.00	518.74		yes
18—Smart's Grove	80.28		18.47		59.72	25.25	11.77		2.40		198.04		
19—Walker's Chapel	101.87		8.00	85.00		85.00		3.50	2.00		202.37		yes
20—Wilkie's Grove	243.94		30.00	8.00		15.00			3.00	41.45	351.46		yes
21—Zion Hill	151.62		49.57				40.00		3.40	3.38	247.97	50.00	yes
Totals - -	$3.786.11	$34.00	$515.92	$5,186.70	3621.11	$756.84	$634.68	$111.51	$51.54	$199.45	$9,775.93	$110.00	$10.00

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TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES—South Mountain Baptist Association, Year Ending October 1, 1938

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	(Missions, Etc.) Total Given for Missions and Benevolences by the Church and All Departments	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Local Work and Missions—Given by Church and All Its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	Mrs. John Lowman, Valdese	$ 10.00					$ 30.00				$ 40.00	$ 423.90
2—Bethany	Jones Abernethy, Hildebran		81.05				93.63	8.73		15.75	198.17	692.83
3—Beulah	Marvin Mull, R-3, Vale											127.36
4—Connelly Springs	Vercie Bridges, Connelly Springs			40.33			30.18	17.32		6.11	94.94	1,281.68
5—Corinth	C. S. Crotts, R-1, Casar						1.25					84.32
6—Icard	Julie Carswell, Icard						5.00				5.00	3,402.00
7—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, R-1, Casar	12.98					12.07	2.00			27.05	268.94
8—Mt. Vernon	A. C. Leatherman, Vale	36.62					9.36				45.98	541.71
9—Mt. Gilead	Zula Chapman, Connelly Springs											48.00
10—Mull's Chapel	W. L. Rhoney, Connelly Springs							8.00			8.00	297.99
11—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. E. E. Stroup, Connelly Spr'gs			24.55	11.00	8.00	37.15	11.07	3.00	2.00	96.77	498.45
12—Olive Grove	Bruce Scism, R.F.D., Belwood							1.74			1.74	149.86
13—Pisgah	B. A. Parker, Casar	15.00					10.00					435.35
14—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, R-4, Morganton											251.00
15—St. John's	Lola Buff, Connelly Springs, R-1											209.89
16—Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, Connelly Spgs. R-1	5.00					5.00				10.00	242.78
17—St. Paul	R. C. White, R.F.D., Belwood			5.35	2.71	2.81	26.77	5.64		7.00	50.28	569.02
18—Smart's Grove	M. M. Smart, Connelly Spgs. R-1											198.04
19—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, Morganton, R.-4						7.17			5.00	12.17	202.37
20—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, R.-1						5.39	2.00		21.77	29.16	380.62
21—Zion Hill	T. E. Mull, Lawndale, R.-3	30.00		10.11		2.40	2.13				44.64	292.61
	Totals	$109.60	$81.05	$80.34	$13.71	$13.21	$275.10	$56.50	$3.00	$57.63	$663.90	$10,598.71

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

ICARD CHURCH

OCTOBER 12 and 13, 1939

R. C. WHITE, MODERATOR C. C. CROTTS, V.-MODERATOR

P. M. DEAL, CLERK

The next session will be held With St. Paul Church, three miles east of Casar, N. C., on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1940, at 10:00 A. M.

Executive Committee

Abee's Chapel—F. A. Lowman
Bethany—J. C. Abernethy
Beulah—O. O. Rhoney
Connelly Springs—Guy Smith
Corinth—Clifton Batts
Icard—J. B. Epps
Mt. Zion—Rolen Price
Mt. Vernon—J. B. Leatherman
Mt. Gilead—Sanford McNeely
Mull's Chapel—J. B. Rhoney
Mt. Hebron—E. E. Stroup
Olive Grove—A. T. Spake
Pisgah—Noah Puett
Pleasant Grove—J. R. Carswell
St. John's—Nellie Wright
Shoup's Grove—M. G. Collins
Smart's Grove—M. M. Smart
St. Paul—R. C. White
Walker's Chapel—J. M. Huffman
Wilkie's Grove—Lester Hudson
Zion Hill—W. M. Hudson

List of Ordained Ministers

M. A. Huffman, Icard, N. C.
Albert Hudson
B. H. Parker, Icard, N. C.
M. L. Cook, Lawndale, N. C.
J. J. Waldrop
Seth Ivester
Dewey Newton, Casar, N. C.
Ottis Cook, Casar, N. C.
J. O. Mull. Vale, N. C.
Julius Hildebran, R.-1, Hickory, N. C.
Lilcoln Denton, R.-4, Morganton, N. C.
Rev. E. M. Walker, Hildebran, N. C.
J. W. Costner, Casar, N. C.
A. J. Wacaster, Connelly Springs, N. C.

PROGRAM

FIRST DAY—FORENOON

9:45—Devotional
9:55—Enrollment of Messengers
10:00—Welcome of Visitors.
10:05—Introduction of New Pastors
10:10—Report of Program Committee
10:15—Religious Literature Report ---------- J. W. Costner
10:50—Orphanage Report ---------- E. M. Walker
11:20—Appointment of Special Committees
11:30—Sermon ---------- J. O. Summerlin
12:10—Adjourn for Lunch

AFTERNOON

Cooperative Program
1:45—(1) State Mission ---------- Seth Ivester
2:00—(2) Home Mission ---------- B. H. Parker
2:15—(3) Foreign Missions ---------- B. B. Brooks
2:45—General Board
3:00—Hospital Report ---------- M. A. Huffman
3:20—Speaker
3:40—Election of Officers
Adjourn

SECOND DAY FORENOON

10:00—Devotional
10:15—Temperance ---------- P. M. Deal
10:45—Ministerial Relief and Annuity ---------- E. L. McDaniel
11:15—Sunday School Report ---------- A. A. Lockee
11:45—B. T. U. Report ---------- Myrten Abee
12:05—Lunch

AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotional
1:45—Christian Education ---------- J. R. Cantrell
2:15—W. M. U. Report ---------- Mrs. B. K. Rogers
2:35—State of Churches
3:00—Obituaries
3:30—Adjourn

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 1939

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 29th annual session with Icard Baptist Church on October 12th, 1939. Opened by singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." Prayer by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

Devotional by Rev. Jessie Blalock.

Called to order by Moderator R. C. White. The roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

ABEE'S CHAPEL: P. M. Deal, Vadie Lowman, Nellie Lowman, Julia Lowman, W. Lail and G. A. Deal.

BETHANY: Mrs. J. M. Rhoney, Mrs. J. B. Setzer, Mrs. R. D. Mostiller, Mrs. Fannie Evans and James R. Huffman.

BEULAH: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rhoney and Cecil Mull.

CONNELLY SPRINGS: Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. B. K. Rogers, W. W. Berry, M. C. Smith and Rev. E. M. Walker.

CORINTH: C. S. Botts and Mary L. Botts

CARSWELL MEMORIAL: J. J. Carswell and J. R. Carswell.

ICARD: Ben Epps, John Brindle, Lottie Carswell and Mrs. C. M. Chronister.

MT. ZION: D. B. all, E. F. Bridges and Rev. Ottis Cook.

MT. VERNON: Mrs. D. M. Tallent, Mrs. Yates Leatherman, Newland Houser, Ellis Houser, John Leatherman and Mrs. T. B. Hull.

MT. GILEAD: Rev. B. B. Brooks. Bill Parker, Tyre Chapman and Sanford McNeely.

MULL'S CHAPEL: Rev. A. J. Wacaster, Len Waters, Lester Mull and W. L. Rhoney.

MT. HEBRON: R. L. Bradshaw, Mrs. Beuna Taylor, S. L. Lagle, Lewis Taylor, and Mrs. G. A. Hildebran.

OLIVE GROVE: H. B. Hull, J. C. Spake, and C. E. Crotts.

PISGAH: N. W. Pruette, A. A. Parker, Miss A. M. Costner and Sarah Newton.

PLEASANT GROVE: J. L. Denton, Rev. Lincoln Denton, and J. M. Walker.

ST. JOHN'S: Rev. R. E. Rich, Lola Buff and Nellie Wright.

SHOUPE'S GROVE: Henry Brittain, Charlie Taylor, G. H. Evans, and Ed Bergin.

ST. PAUL: R. C. White, Junius Earl, E. L. Towery, C. H. Crotts and B. W. Cook.

SMART'S GROVE: M. M. Smart, Rhoda Smart and Zora Rector.

SOUTH FORK: D. D. Propst, Vergie Young and Mrs. J. J. Hudson.

WALKER'S CHAPEL: John Abee, J. M. Huffman, Ed Cook and Ales Hudson.

WILKIE'S GROVE: C. H. Martin, W. A. Burns, W. J. Burns, Noah M. Young, T. E. Smith, and J. P. Brittain.

ZION HILL: M. C. Buff, John Hudson, Gertie Proctor, Lillian Proctor and Aaron Buff.

ZOAR: L. H. Bumgardner, Edgar Pruette, and Mrs. Edgar Pruette.

Visitors recognized were W. R. Bradshaw, of South Fork Association; Jessie Blalock, J. R. Robbins, D. C. Wesson, and J. P. Laughridge of Catawba River Association; M. A. Adams, of Sandy Run Association.

New pastors: Rev. R. E. Rich, Rev. J. W. Costner, and Rev. J. O. Summerlin.

A committee on Orthodox was appointed to examine the credentials of the three new churches who had presented themselves for membership in the Association. The committee was as follows: Rev. E. L. McDaniel, Rev. B. H. Parker and John Leatherman.

The committee reported favorable and the churches were received as members. The churches are: Carswell Memorial, South Fork and Zoar.

There was no report on Religious Literature.

Report on W.M.U. was submitted by Mrs. E. M. Walker. The subject was discussed by Mrs. B. K. Rogers, with the 1940 work submitted. Report adopted.

W.M.U. Report of South Mountain Association

Again we come with the annual report of the W.M.U. work in the South Mountain Association. We have in our Association three Woman's Missionary Societies and four Young People's organizations. Interest in our Mission Study program has increased. As we W.M.U. members studied the thrilling and inspirational lives of our missionaries and have learned the needs of their countries we have caught a new vision of Stewardship and our hearts are filled with a desire to give of our best to the Master.

Never before has the need been greater for training our young people for the Master's service. Many eager young Christians here in the South Mountain Association are waiting for some-

one to train them. May our young people not be weighed and found wanting because someone has neglected to train them. We appeal to the pastors to see that their churches have all the W.M.U. organizations.

There are hosts of men and women in our State who have no interest in sending the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus. Let us go forward that the story of salvation may be told unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. M. WALKER.

The W.M.U. Associational officers are:

President: Mrs. T. B. Hull, Mt. Vernon.

Vice-President: Mrs. S. W. Starnes.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Harold Smith, Connelly Springs.

The W.M.U. Associational Meeting will meet with Beulah Church the fifth Sunday in May, 1940.

MRS. B. K. ROGERS.
MRS. S. W. STARNES.
MRS. D. M. TALLENT.

Minutes of the Annual Associational Meeting of W.M.U. are as follows:

The first annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Mountain Association met with the Mount Vernon Church Sunday, September 24, 1939. The meeting was begun with the singing of "I Love To Tell the Story." The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Upton of Mount Vernon Church. She read the third chapter of Phillipians. Mrs. J. R. Cantrell of Boiling Springs led in prayer.

Greetings were extended the delegates by Mrs. T. B. Hull of Mt. Vernon. Mrs. E. M. Walker of Connelly Springs responded.

Roll call of churches that have Woman's Missionary Unions showed that there were 18 present at the meeting.

We were happy to have Mrs. Waycaster, of Kings Mountain Association, speak to us on "Responsibility." Also Mrs. Hamrick, of Boiling Springs, who gave a report on the W.M.U. Training School. Mrs. J. R. Cantrell spoke on State Missions. Mrs. E. M. Walker brought a message on "The Four Looks in Life," and a brief report on the Associational work for the past year.

It was voted that the Associational Meeting for next year be at Beulah Baptist Church.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. A. C. Leatherman, Mrs. B. K. Rogers and Mrs. S. W. Starnes.

Temperance was discussed by Rev. M. A. Adams, temperance worker in this part of North Carolina. A collection taken for the dry cause amounted to $12.80.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance: Lottie Carswell and Gertie Proctor.

Committee on Place and Preacher: R. E. Rich, W. W. Berry and Newland Houser.

Program Committee: J. R. Cantrell, Julius Earl and M. A. Huffman.

Resolution Committee: Rev. E. M. Walker and Rev. Ottis Cook.

Committee on Digest: Rev. E. M. Walker, Mrs. Harold Smith and Mrs. Bryant Setzer.

Committee on Obituary: Lottie Carswell and Lillian Proctor.

At this time the annual sermon was delivered by Rev. E. M. Walker. His text was 2nd Chronicles, 7th chapter and 14th verse. Subject: "A Spiritual Revival."

The Association adjourned for one hour for lunch. Dismissed by Rev. R. E. Rich.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Session opened by singing "Wonderful Words of Life." Devotional by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Scripture Mat. 28 chapter, last verse. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Cantrell.

J. R. Cantrell, president of Boiling Springs Junior College, asked the Association to adopt Boiling Springs, and it was moved and seconded that the Association adopt the school along with the Kings Mountain Association and the Sandy Run Association, which was accepted by the Association. R. C. White of Belwood, N. C., was elected as Associational Treasurer for the school, through which funds of the Association should pass to the school.

J. P. Thomas and daughter, Ruth Thomas, of the Gaston Association, were recognized as visitors.

The following officers were elected to serve in the next session:

Moderator—S. A. Carswell.

Vice -Moderator—Rev. J. W. Costner.

Clerk—Rev. R. E. Rich.

Treasurer—Miss Lillian Proctor.

One-minute reports from each church were heard.

The churches responded in a great way.

The report on B.T.U. work was submitted and read by Rev. E. M. Walker and discussed by J. P. Thomas. Report was adopted.

Baptist Training Union Work.

We are happy to report that progress has been made in the Baptist Training Union work. Four new churches have been awakened to the fact that there must be in their churches an organization for the training and development of their young Christians. We were fortunate to have the services for a week of the B.T.U. State workers, led by Miss Josephine Turner and Mr. John Lane. A B.T.U. Enlargement Campaign was put on, and nine churches had a week of study course training. Four new B.T.U .organizations were the result of the Enlargement Campaign.

Jesus wants our best. if by training, you can be a more useful Christian ,then we are not giving our best to our Savior. That every church may realize the need of the Baptist Training Union is my prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. WALKER.

Report on Christian Education was submitted and read by Rev. B. B. Brooks and discussed by Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill, N. C. Report adopted.

Christian Education Report

We thank God for our Christian institutions of learning. They are seed-beds from which grows a large percent of our ministers, missionaries and leaders.

Christian Education is the only complete education, or that can be complete, considering that man is a triparite being, possessed of a body, mind and soul.

A large number of our great leaders of the past, as well as those of today, both in church and state, were graduates of Christian colleges.

A college education greatly increases one's productive ability, and offers a channel through which we can carry out the great commission of our Lord.

Let us support them with our means, patronage and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. BROOKS.

Adjourned until Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Rev. M. A. Huffman.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1939.

Devotional by Rev. M. A. Huffman. Scripture Philippians 4th chapter and 2nd verse. Subject, "The Conditions of Today." Prayer by M. A. Huffman. The assembly joined in singing "Blessed Assurance."

The minutes of Thursday were read and approved. Song, "More About Jesus."

The group was called to order by the chair.

The Co-operative Program was discussed.

Next in order was the Report on Hospital, submitted and read by Julius Earl. Discussed by Rev. M. A. Huffman. Report adopted.

Report On Baptist Hospital

Authorized by Baptist State Convention November 17, 1920; chartered December 27, 1922. Began operation May 28, 1923. Smith Hagaman, superintendent, Winston-Salem, N. C. The Baptist of North Carolina have a plant at Winston-Salem of which they may just be proud. An institution that not only is commodious and well equipped to do the work for which it was built but one possessed of a record of service well done. Our hospital with its medical and surgical appliances, its fine medical staff and nursery force is unsurpassed. When we remember these things and realize that they are within the reach of every Baptist in our State regardless of his financial status. We should reach the bottom of our purses, and make us glad that we have the privilege of helping carry on such a God-given work.

The ministry of our Lord Jesus was a three-fold one—preaching, teaching, and healing. If we do not engaged in the work of healing, then we are not carrying out the commission given to the church by our Lord. We should bear in mind that we are under obligation to treat, repair, and heal the bodies of our missionaries, college students, ministers and their families, widows and orphans. These are largely without funds and many times their usefulness in the world must cease unless there is some place to which they can go for healing. There are those whose souls are lost that may be won to Christ by healing hands that may be laid on their fevered brow.

The specific purpose of the hospital quote: Last year the hospital treated around fifteen hundred patients who could pay little or nothing at an estimated cost of $78,000 plus an estimated free medical and surgical service of $117,300, or a total of $195,300 of free service; in other words, they gave about $200,-

000 worth of medical service free and the hospital depends almost entirely on the Mother's Day offerings by the churches and schools to provide treatment for its large number of service cases. There are about 3000 turned away yearly because of lack of room.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH IVESTER.

Ministerial Relief was discussed by the Association.

Following this the report on State Missions was read, discussed and adopted.

The Association then discussed the Home Mission report. Adopted.

The Foreign Mission report was submitted and read by Rev. E. M. Walker and discussed by Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Report adopted.

REPORT OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR 1939

The Foreign Mission Board now has 419 missionaries and 1,082 native workers in the sixteen nations to whom Southern Baptists are sending the Gospel. These nations are: Africa, China, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Urguay, Italy, Rumania, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Spain, Palestine, Syria, Mexico, and Manchukuo. In these nations we have 1,774 churches, of which 1,053 are self-sustaining, and 3,046 outstations. These churches have a total membership of 214,975. Last year 16,207 united with these churches by baptism.

Percentage of operation costs last year:

	Amount	*Percentage*
Expenses of Home Office (Richmond)	$ 35,786.43	4.43%
Interest	14,218.00	1.76%
W.M.U. Work	21,000.00	2.60%
Promotional Work	16,635.55	2.05%
Foreign Fields	720,698.59	89.16%
Total	$808,338.57	100.00%

CURRENT INCOME

Year	*Total Receipts*
1933	$ 880,573.71
1937	1,119,768.67
1938	1,130,083.93

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

1933	$129,000
1938	315,000
Bequests for 1938	$30,298
Annuities for 1938	16,769

Baptist losses in China due to the war with Japan totals $600,000, and the end is not yet.

There are more than 750,000,000 unsaved people in distant lands. God is challenging Southern Baptists to double their ranks, strengthen their forces and enter more fully into the God-given opportunities that beckon and call, for *"The night cometh when no man can work."*

Respectfully submitted,
A. GRAHAM BROOKS

Report on Sunday Schools was submitted by Rev. E. M. Walker and discussed by Mr. Walker. The report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Our Savior commanded us to teach His word, just as He commands us to preach His word. There is no better way to influence people for good than to teach them the truths of God's word. We find in the fifth chapter of the Acts, the forty-second verse, these words, *"they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."* May this be said about us as we work for our Lord in the Sunday Schools of the Association.

The reports from the delegates of the churches should encourage us as they give to us the progress of the Sunday School work. Many report a great increase both in enrollment and attendance in the Sunday School. May the Sunday School continue to reach more people and bring them under the influence of God's word.

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. WALKER.

Report of Promotion Committee, submitted and read by Rev. E. M. Walker, was discussed by Rev. Perry Crouch. Report adopted.

REPORT OF PROMOTION COMMITTEE

We are glad to report that progress has been made in the Christian work of the South Mountain Association. The churches are doing a greater work for the Lord than ever before.

Much progress has been made in the Sunday School work. The reports from the different churches tell us that both enrollment and attendance have increased. Let us not stop. We are only beginning. Let us now go forward in greater way in the Master's work.

The progress of the B.T.U. is also encouraging. New churches have been awakened to the need of the B.T.U. to train the members for greater service.

There has been progress in the other activities of the Church. The W.M.U. work is gradually enlisting more women in the Association.

Let us pray that God will give us a greater year this year than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,
THE PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

The Association adjourned one hour for lunch. Dismissed by Rev. Perry Crouch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Session opened by singing "Work For the Night Is Coming." Devotional by Rev. J. O. Summerlin. Scripture—Acts 1st chapter, 1st-9th verse.

The group was called to order by the chair. The report of committee on digest reported the churches report some gains on all lines of their work.

The committee on finance reported. For this report and the Minute Fund report see Table.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report:

We find the following members have died during the year:

Abee's Chapel—John L. Lowman.

Bethany—Williard Evans and D. H. Page.

Beulah—Pinkney Tallent and Aaron Craig.

Connelly Springs—Charlie Cook and M. H. Mingus.

Icard—Mrs. P. S. Berry.

Zion Hill—Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Estelle Teems and Mrs. W. A. Hildebran.

Olive Grove—Mrs. Elvina Propst.

Pleasant Grove—Mr. Wade Denton. Mrs. Zora Hudson and Mr. S. S. Carswell.

Shoup's Grove—Mrs. Myrtle Moody.

St. Paul's—Mr. Eper White.

Walker's Chapel—J. W. Keller.

Wilkie's Grove—George Hildebran. Jr.. Mrs. Mary Hildebran and Peter Burns.

Smart's Grove—One.

The Committee on Program submitted their report. Report adopted. The program is printed in the front of this book.

R. C. White was appointed Associational Treasurer for Boiling Springs School. See adoption of Boiling Springs on another page.

The Sunday School Association will meet at Zion Hill the second Sunday in November, 1939, to elect officers for the following year.

The Orphanage was discussed by Rev. J. O. Summerlin. Report to follow.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that each church be asked to contribute one dollar a month to the support of the Sunday School work in the Association.

RESOLUTION

We, the members of the South Mountain Association, desire to express our gratitude to God for the presence and leadership of His Holy Spirit. We would express our sincere thanks to the Icard Church with its pastor, A. A. Lockee, and his loyal workers, for every courtesy shown us and for the very efficient preparation to care for our needs and comforts.

We would express our appreciation to our Clerk and Moderator and to all officers, speakers, and leaders for their help, encouragement and inspiration.

The following is a report of the W. M. U. Organization:

Connelly Springs—Mrs. B. K. Rogers, President—Number of missionary societies 1; Total W.M.U. organizations 1; Total members enrolled 11; Contributions $9.83.

Beulah—Mrs. S. W. Starnes, President—Total members enrolled 11; Contributions $5.50.

Mt. Vernon—Mrs. T. B. Hull, President—Number of missionary societies 1; Total W.M.U. organizations 5; Total members enrolled 85; Contributions $35.24.

The B.T.U. director appointed for another year as Associational Director, McCoy Johnson.

A summary of B. T. U. work showed five churches with unions, with the following enrollment:

Churches	*Total Unions*	*Adults*	*Juniors*	*Tot. Enrolled*
Bethany	4	14	18	72
Connelly Springs	3	13	12	56
Icard	9	10	20	71
Mt. Zion		15	15	48
Mt. Vernon	4	6	12	57
Mt. Hebron	2		8	28
Pisgah	4	12	16	64
St. Paul	4	14	2	55

CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1938

Printing of Minutes	$35.00
Mailing and other cost	5.00
Clerk's fee	11.00
Total	$51.00

The Association adjourned to meet with St. Paul Baptist Church, 3 miles east of Casar, N. C., on Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1940, at 10:00 A. M.

R. C. WHITE, Moderator.
P. M. DEAL, Clerk.

Constitution

1. This Association shall be called THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

3. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members above 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismissal from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually twenty members who shall constitute an Executive Committee, one member from each church, of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be an ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot"s Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Baptist Association, For Year Ending October 1, 1939.

CHURCHES	Is It In a Village, Town, or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported Last Year	Gains				Losses				Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Chapel	Country	1886	Ottis Cook, Casar	1&3	71	15	17	4	---	1	---	---	1	105	*	2	1	---
2—Bethany	Village	1893	E. M. Walker, Hildebran	2&4	314	19	2	---	---	4	---	---	2	329	*	1	2	---
3—Beulah	Country	1905	J. O Mull, Vale	1st	69	6	---	---	---	5	---	---	2	68	*	1	---	---
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1899	E. M. Walker, Hildebran	1&3	240	11	5	---	---	17	---	1	2	236	*	1	2	12
5—Corinth	Country	1884		3rd	101	2	---	---	5	5	---	---	---	98	---	1	---	---
6—Carswell Memorial	Country	1938	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	2&4	19	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	*	1	---	---
7—Icard	Village	1918	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton	1&3	147	19	23	2	2	2	---	56	1	134	*	2	2	1
8—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	E. L. McDaniel, Mooresboro	1&3	195	13	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	206	*	1	2	3
9—Mt. Vernon	Country	1824	J. R Cantrell, Boiling Springs	2&4	174	22	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	194	---	1	4	1
10—Mt. Gilead	Country	1821	B B. Brooks, Mooresboro	1&3	43	5	1	---	---	4	---	---	---	47	---	1	---	---
11—Mull's Chapel	Country	1872	Seth Ivester. Lawndale	2&4	92	3	1	---	1	8	---	---	---	89	*	1	3	1
12—Mt. Hebron	Country	1829	J. O. Summerlin, Morganton	1&3	118	5	4	---	---	3	---	---	2	124	---	1	2	---
13—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. McDaniel, Mooresboro	4	150	5	---	---	---	4	---	---	1	150	*	1	---	1
14—Pisgah	Country	1840	J. W. Costner, Lawndale	1&3	107	16	6	---	---	6	---	---	1	129	---	1	2	4
15—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	J. O. Mull, Vale	2&4	100	2	1	---	---	2	---	---	2	97	*	1	4	---
16—St. John's	Country	1842	R. E. Rich, Connelly Springs	1&3	146	9	3	---	---	7	---	---	---	151	*	1	---	2
17—Shoup's Grove	Country	1892	Ottis Cook, Casar	2&4	126	15	8	---	3	2	---	---	1	149	*	1	1	---
18—St. Paul	Country	1869	B. H. Parker, Bostic, R-1	2	333	23	2	---	---	9	---	---	1	347	*	1	3	3
19—Smart's Grove	Country	1935	Dewey Newton, Vale	2&4	52	5	---	---	---	3	4	---	1	50	*	1	2	---
20—South Fork	Country	1937	L. B. Harris, Mooresboro	2&4	33	10	4	---	---	1	---	---	---	46	*	1	---	---
21—Walker's Chapel	Country	1915	Dewey Newton, Vale	1&3	133	6	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	141	*	2	2	---
22—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1875	Ottis Cook, Casar	2&4	121	5	5	1	---	12	---	---	3	117	---	1	2	1
23—Zion Hill	Country	1880	Seth Ivester, Lawndale	2&4	172	9	7	3	---	2	---	---	1	186	---	1	---	6
24—Zoar	Country	1937	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton	2nd	13	6	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	26	---	---	---	---
*Hold weekly prayer meetings			Totals - -		3069	234	102	10	11	100	4	57	22	3273	---	26	34	35

Elect—RENUS RICH.
Elect—S. A. CARSWELL.

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Associa Association, Icard, N. C.
R. C. WHITE, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist tion, Connelly Springs, N. C.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS——Of South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina, Year Ending October 1, 1939

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION				
		Cradle Roll, Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13 - 16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Extension Department		Total Enrollment, Main School, Missions, Including Officers, Teachers, Pupils	What Is Average Attendance?	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Diplomas
1—Abee's Chapel	F A. Lowman, Connelly Springs	11	20	10	22	17	37	27	---	11	155	125	---	----	-----	---
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran	---	20	15	44	38	52	38	---	4	216	150	---	----	-----	---
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney, Hickory	4	7	9	15	9	12	28	---	---	94	75	4	----	-----	---
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Spgs. R-2	10	17	18	28	25	38	55	6	2	199	112	11	yes	yes	---
5—Corinth	C. S. Botts, Casar	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	-----	50	2	----	-----	---
6—Carswell Memorial	Conley Poteet, Morganton, R-4	---	3	---	8	---	14	12	---	---	36	30	---	----	-----	---
7—Icard	W. M. Abee, Icard	4	17	15	27	27	31	38	---	3	162	112	13	yes	-----	---
8—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar	---	14	7	14	16	25	30	3	10	119	71	8	----	-----	10
9—Mt. Vernon	T. B. Hull, Vale	12	4	29	27	34	36	46	---	4	192	108	21	yes	-----	4
10—Mt. Gilead	S. McNeely, Connelly Springs	---	24	30	19	20	---	28	---	3	124	40	7	----	-----	---
11—Mull's Chapel	L. Mull, Connelly Springs	---	12	6	16	30	9	9	---	---	82	65	3	yes	-----	---
12—Mt. Hebron	R. L. Bradshaw, Connelly Spr'gs	---	9	14	27	20	35	34	---	3	167	90	---	yes	-----	16
13—Olive Grove	Zula Wortman, Casar	---	14	8	10	15	21	18	---	9	96	72	---	yes	-----	---
14—Pisgah	N. W. Pruette, Casar	20	10	9	14	15	18	24	---	9	117	75	13	yes	-----	---
15—Pleasant Grove	Max Hudson, Connelly Springs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	45	45	2	----	-----	---
16—St. John's	Bettie Hildebrand, Connelly Sps.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	50	---	---	yes	-----	---
17—Shoup's Grove	Charlie Taylor, Connelly Springs	7	27	19	17	23	26	21	15	3	158	120	---	----	-----	---
18—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood	20	15	18	21	37	29	49	2	6	197	105	22	yes	yes	---
19—Smart's Grove	John Smart, Connelly Springs	---	16	11	15	22	---	35	---	---	98	80	4	----	-----	---
20—South Fork	D. D. Propst, Hickory, R-1	7	10	9	17	8	21	1	---	---	83	65	---	yes	-----	---
21—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, Morganton, R-4	---	23	7	25	17	19	23	---	2	116	42	7	yes	-----	17
22—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, R-1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	73	73	---	----	-----	---
23—Zion Hill	Wm. Hudson, Connelly Springs	7	9	31	24	21	22	52	---	5	166	95	---	yes	-----	8
24—Zoar	L. H. Bumgardner, Lawndale R-2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30	25	---	----	-----	---
	Totals - -	102	271	265	390	392	444	575	26	100	2775	1832	112	----	-----	49

Vacation Bible School—Bethany, Enrollment 75, Average Attendance 60, Number of Departments 17
Connelly Springs, Enrollment 51, Average Attendance 35, Number of Departments 15

Elect—RENUS RICH. P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.
Elect—S. A. CARSWELL. R. C. WHITE, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Icard, N. C.

TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association — Year Ending October 1, 1939

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Properties	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Chapel	Vadie Lowman, Valdese	Yes	1886	Wood	350	9	7	7	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00		$ 1,000
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran	Yes	1925	Brick		9	7	7	6,000.00	6,000.00		2,000
3—Beulah	Utis L. Rhoney, Hickory	Yes	1905	Wood	450	1			1,000.00	2,500.00		300
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs	Yes	1899	B. V.	500	5	1	8	4,000.00	5,000.00		2,000
5—Corinth	H. G. McNeely, Casar	Yes	1884	Wood	300	5			850.00	850.00		
6—Carswell Memorial	Beulah Carswell, Morganton R-4	Yes	1939	Brick	500	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
7—Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	Yes	1938	Brick	250	6	6	9	7,000.00	7,500.00	1,800.00	2,000
8—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar	Yes	1935	B. V.	500	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
9—Mt. Vernon	J. G. Leatherman, Vale, R-2	Yes	1924	B. V.	700	13	2	9	5,500.00	5,500.00	218.00	
10—Mt. Gilead	Sanford McNeely, Con. Spgs., R-1	Yes	1820	Wood	400	1			1,000.00	1,200.00		
11—Mull's Chapel	Mrs. L. Mull, Con. Springs, R-1	Yes	1923	B. V.	450	6		9	9,000.00	9,000.00		
12—Mt. Hebron	Marie Taylor, Connelly Springs	Yes	1929	Brick	300	1	6	6	4,050.00	4,050.00		
13—Olive Grove	C. E. Crotts, Belwood, R-1	Yes	1926	Wood	500	1		5	2,000.00	2,100.00		
14—Pisgah	Miss A. M. Costner, Casar	Yes	1933	Brick	500	9		9	6,000.00	6,000.00		
15—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Morganton, R-4	Yes	1896	Wood	400	1			1,000.00	1,000.00		
16—St. John's	Clyde McClurd, Valdese	Yes	1842	Wood	400	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		1,200
17—Shoup's Grove	Roby Stilwell, Icard	Yes	1892	Wood	400	1		10	1,500.00			1,000
18—St. Paul	J. W. Rich, Belwood	Yes	1929	Wood	700	12	12	12	2,800.00	2,800.00		
19—Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, Connelly Spgs., R-1	Yes	1935	Wood	300	1			500.00	500.00	25.00	
20—South Fork	Mrs. J. J. Hudson, Hickory, R-1	Yes	1937	Wood	200	7	6	6	2,000.00	2,176.00		1,500
21—Walker's Chapel	Filo Huffman, Morganton, R-4	Yes	1915	Wood	300	1			1,400.00	1,400.00		
22—Wilkie's Grove	W. A. Burns, Hickory, R-1	Yes	1893	Wood	400	1			2,000.00	2,000.00		
23—Zion Hill	L. E. Proctor, Connelly Spgs. R-1	Yes	1880	Wood	600	9	1	9	2,000.00	2,000.00		1,500
24—Zoar	L. H. Bumgardner, Lawndale, R-2	Yes	1937	Wood	200	1			800.00	800.00		
			Total	-	9600	103	48	106	$68,400.00	$68,376.00	$2,043.00	$12,500

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of South Mountain Baptist Association
Year Ending October 1, 1939

CHURCHES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK											Special Informat'n	
	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday Sch'ls, B.Y.P.U., and W. M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk of the Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations	Pledged to Cooperative Prog'm	No. of Tithers
1—Abee's Chapel	$ 200.00		$ 32.00	$ 712.10		$ 55.00	$ 27.59	$ 35.00	$ 3.00	$ 42.57	$ 1,107.26		
2—Bethany	600.00		94.00			71.20	109.09		4.00		1,378.61	182.00	28
3—Beulah	59.65		25.00			3.20	19.50		1.00	11.00	119.35		
4—Connelly Springs	600.00		88.25	24.20	456.55	101.16	110.33	10.80	4.00	54.77	1,450.06	125.00	13
5—Corinth	77.39		8.00	30.00		3.00	12.00		2.00		132.39		
6—Carswell Memorial	128.93		40.75	784.85							951.13		
7—Icard	325.00		85.00	367.50	330.00	39.05	73.00	15.00	3.00	30.00	1,137.50	25.00	4
8—Mt. Zion	104.10	31.65	30.41	35.00		18.00	32.00	250.00			501.16	10.00	
9—Mt. Vernon	400.00	24.00		300.00	82.00	48.10	64.30		3.50	6.77	925.90	30.00	
10—Mt. Gilead	50.00						7.50				57.50	10.00	
11—Mull's Chapel	125.00	4.00	24.00			2.75	37.10			81.46	274.31		
12—Mt. Hebron	216.50	15.70	54.84			42.90	65.36		2.00	8.50	405.90		4
13—Olive Grove	108.15			12.25		19.05	23.21	1.20	2.40	7.38	173.62		
14—Pisgah	215.00		44.35	60.00		126.50	55.82		2.00		503.69		4
15—Pleasant Grove	100.00		25.00				16.50		2.00		143.80		
16—St. John's	108.40	32.33	34.68				21.51		2.50	14.00	231.48		
17—Shoup's Grove	251.05		62.23			141.24	38.86	3.35	2.98		499.71		
18—St. Paul	150.05		35.20	4.00		27.24	80.24	80.55		3.80	413.36	50.00	1
19—Smart's Grove	54.17	20.91	18.92		25.00	10.00	11.19				140.19		
20—South Fork	221.52		73.00			12.00	34.22	12.25			352.99	15.00	6
21—Walker's Chapel	160.28			148.31			27.52		2.35	15.00	353.45		
22—Wilkie's Grove	264.25		19.00			20.00		7.00	3.00		313.25		1
23—Zion Hill	192.48		87.94	39.19		16.07	40.67			12.04	388.39	50.00	
24—Zoar	120.00		20.00							15.00	155.00		
Totals - -	$4,826.49	$128.59	$902.57	$2,517.40	$893.61	$756.36	$887.32	$415.15	$39.73	$302.25	$12,112.00	$497.00	61

Elect—RENUS RICH.
Elect—S. A. CARSWELL.

P. M. DEAL, Clerk of South Mountain Baptist Association, Connelly Springs, N. C.
R. C. WHITE, Moderator of South Mountain Baptist Association, Icard, N. C.

TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES——South Mountain Baptist Association, Year Ending October 1, 1930

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	(Missions, Etc.) Total Given for Missions and Benevolences by the Church and All Departments	Grand Total for All Purposes — Both Local Work and Missions — Given by Church and All Its Organizations
1—Abee's Chapel	Mrs. John Lowman, R-1, Valdese			$ 8.00				$ 20.00				$ 28.00	$ 1,107.26
2—Bethany	Jones Abernethy, Hildebran		6.26					85.10	6.02			102.39	1,480.00
3—Beulah	Miss Mavin Mull, Vale, R-3										5.00		119.35
4—Connelly Springs	Vercie Bridges, Connelly Springs			30.18	27.93			35.18	25.18			118.47	1,568.53
5—Corinth	C. S. Botts, Casar, R-1			1.23					2.00			3.23	144.62
6—Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. M. Poteet, Morganton R-4												951.13
7—Icard	Julia Carswell, Icard							3.00					1,140.50
8—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar	12.40						12.60				25.00	526.16
9—Mt. Vernon	A. C. Leatherman, Vale, R-2	45.85	5.56	3.31	4.62	5.00		20.40	1.00		6.70	92.44	1,018.34
10—Mt. Gilead	Mrs. W. T. Chapman, Con. Spgs.												57.50
11—Mull's Chapel	J B. Rhoney, Con. Springs, R-1		8.79			9.00		4.00				21.79	296.10
12—Mt. Hebron	Mrs E. E. Stroup, Connelly Spgs.		24.26	17.44	32.00			79.82	7.61	2.55		163.68	569.58
13—Olive Grove	Bruce Scism, Belwood, R-1					4.32		2.83				7.15	180.77
14—Pisgah	B. A. Parker, Casar		7.00		20|40		10.30	5.00				42.70	546.39
15—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Morganton, R-4							4.04				4.04	149.80
16—St. John's	Lola Buff, Connelly Springs, R-1			2.86				1.70	2.45			6.91	231.48
17—Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, Connelly Spr'gs. R-1	5.00						5.00				10.00	509.71
18—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood		7.12	3.00	3.00			13.16		5.50		31.78	445.04
19—Smart's Grove	M. M. Smart, Con. Springs, R-1							2.25				2.25	142.44
20—South Fork	A. P. Propst, Hickory, R-1				4.79							4.79	356.78
21—Walker's Chapel	Filo Huffman, Morganton, R-4					3.62		8.28				11.90	365.35
22—Wilkie's Grove	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, R-1							7.92	2.25		43.25	53.71	366.96
23—Zion Hill	T. E. Hull, Lawndale, R-1	25.55			2.50			1.75		6.00		35.80	424.19
24—Zoar	L. H. Bumgarner, Lawndale, R-2												155.00
	Totals -	$88.80	$58.99	$66.01	$95.24	$21.94	$10.30	$311.99	$46.51	$14.05	$54.95	$766.33	$13,270.01

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Corinth—Cliff Botts
Icard—J. B. Epps
Mt. Zion—Rolen Price
Mt. Vernon—J. B. Leatherman
Carswell Memorial—U. R. Carswell
Mt. Gilead—Bill Parker
Mt. Hebron—E. E. Stroupe
Olive Grove—A. T. Spake
Pisgah—Noah Pruett
Pleasant Grove—Lincoln Denton
St. John—Gus Hoyle
Shoup's Grove—M. G. Collins
Smart's Grove—M. M. Smart
St. Paul—R. C. White
South Fork—D. D. Propst
Walker's Chapel—J. M. Huffman
Wilkie's Grove—Lester Hudson
Zoar—L. H. Bumgardner
Zion Hill—W. M. Hudson
Mull's Chapel—J. B. Rhoney

Ordained Ministers

M. A. Huffman, Icard, N. C.
Albert Hudson
B. H. Parker, Bostic, N. C.
M. L. Cook, Vale, N. C.
J. J. Waldrop, Vale, N. C.
Seth Ivester
Dewey Newton
Ottis Cook, Casar, N. C.
Ottis Mull, Vale, N. C.
J. A. Hildebran
Lincoln Denton
E. M. Walker
J. W. Costner
A. J. Wacaster
Renus Rich
Basil Mull, Valdese, N. C.
Dwight Mull

PROGRAM, 1941

FIRST DAY—FORENOON

10:00—Devotional
10:05—Enrollment
10:10—Welcome to Visitors
10:15—Religious Literature ---------- E. L. McDaniel
10:30—Orphanage ---------- P. M. Deal
10:45—Appointment of Committees
11:00—Sermon----------Rev. Seth Ivester
12:00—Adjourn for lunch

AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotional
1,45—State Missions ----------M. A. Huffman
2:00—Home Missions ---------- J. W. Costner
2:15—Foreign Missions ---------- J. R. Cantrel
2:30—Hospitals ----------A. A. Lockee
3:00—Election of Officers
3:30—Adjourn

SECOND DAY

10:00—Devotional
10:15—Temperance ---------- Ottis Cook
10:45—Ministerial Relief ---------- B. B. Brooks
11:15—Sunday School ---------- Lillian Proctor
11:45—B. T. U. ---------- McCoy Johnson
12:00—Lunch
1:30—Devotional
1:45—Educational ---------- E. M. Walker
2,15—W. M. U. ---------- Mrs. E. M. Walker
2:30—State of Churches
3:00—Obituaries
3:30—Adjourn

PROCEEDINGS

The South Mountain Baptist Association met in its 30th annual session with St. Paul Baptist Church. Opened by Singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Devotional by Rev. J. W. Costner. Called to order by the Moderator, S. A. Carswell. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

ABEE'S CHAPEL: P. M. Deal, Albert Lail and Mrs. Vadie Lowman

BETHANY: E. M. Walker, J. R. Huffman, McCoy Johnson and R. D. Mosteller.

BEULAH: Cecil Mull, O. O. Rhoney, Edison Rhoney and Beatrice Rhoney.

CONNELLY SPRINGS: Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. B. K. Rogers and J. E. Deal.

CORINTH: J. L. Newton, H. G. McNeely, C. S. Botts and Mrs. Odus Wortman.

CARSWELL MEMORIAL: Conley Poteat, Mrs. Conley Poteat, and J. R. Carswell.

ICARD: P. A. Berry, J. B. Epps, J. L. Brendle, and George McDuffy.

MT. ZION: R. S. Short, Viola Newton, J. R. Price, and W. P. Chapman.

MT. VERNON: John Leatherman, Mrs. D. M. Tallent, Mrs. D. C. Upton, and Forrest Bumgardner.

MT. GILEAD: Rev. B. B. Brooks.

MULL'S CHAPEL: Mrs. N. G. Rhoney, Evan Rhoney, Mrs. W. L. Rhoney, and R. L. Waters.

MT. HEBRON: Mrs. J. M. Shell, Mrs. E. M. Stroupe, Mrs. E. E. Stroupe, and S. L. Lagle

OLIVE GROVE: Johnnie Walker, A. T. Spake, D. H. Conner and Charlie Crotts.

PISGAH: N. W. Pruett, Zero Parker, Mrs. Minnie Mace, and Dock Hastings.

PLEASANT GROVE: Lincoln Denton, Roy Denton, Joe Walker, and Max Hudson.

ST. JOHN: R. E. Rich, Mrs. R. E. Rich, and Roselia Reynolds.

SHOUP'S GROVE: Addison Berry, M. G. Collins, Butler Johnson and Mrs. J. A. Berry.

ST. PAUL: R. A. Newton, R. C. White, J. M. Cook, C. C. Crotts, and E. L. Towery.

SMART'S GROVE: M. M. Smart, Willie Lail and Council Rector.

SOUTH FORK: Not represented.

WALKER'S CHAPEL: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huffman and Edd Cook.

WILKIE'S GROVE: J. L. Hudson, C. L. Burns, J. C. Fortenberry and C. H. Martin.

ZION HILL: Willie Hudson, Pearl Ramsey, Gertie Proctor, and Lillian Proctor.

ZOAR: E. A. Pruett, Mrs. R. A. Newton, and L. H. Bumgarner.

Visitors recognized were as follows: Mrs. L. H. Bumgardner of Kings Mountain Association, J. A. MacMillan of Liberty Association, David Morgan of Raleigh, Mrs. R. G. Willis of South Fork Association, Miss Maude Newton of Gaston Association, Rev. M. A. Adams of Green River Association. New pastor: Rev. L. R. Whittaker of Corinth.

Report on Biblical Recorder and Religious Literature was submitted by Rev. J. W. Costner. Report adopted:

BIBLICAL RECORDER AND BAPTIST LITERATURE

Certainly the first printed Word that I recommend is the (Bible) Word of God. Second is our own Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, the Commission, and Home Mission. All these periodicals are published right here in our own Southland. The only way to combat false and Destructive Literature is to place in our homes good clean and wholesome literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. COSTNER.

The report on W. M. U. was given by Mrs. B. K. Rogers. Report was adopted.

W. M. U.

The W.M.U. is the uniting of the women and children in one great purpose—That of Missions, both of home and abroad. As we speak, pray, work and sing, we learn of the great work to be done. And there is much work to be done. It was a great pleasure to have Miss Mary Ann Peebles, who taught several W.M.U. classes in our Association last year. Our next annual meeting will be at Bethany in April, 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. K. ROGERS.

Report on Orphanage was by E. M. Walker and was adopted.

ORPHANAGE

The service rendered by our Orphanage needs no discussion.

This work is a binding duty to our Baptist of our State. The needs of our Orphanage grow greater year by year. Let us resolve that we will pray more—give more and larger offerings to our Orphanage than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. WALKER.

Next in order was the report on Temperance by P. M. Deal. The report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Today is a day of great need, when we as Christians should take a stand as never before. In the last eight years the liquor crowd has been trying to put liquor in every county in every state. They have tried to get laws passed to put A.B.C. stores in our state, but have failed in four-fifths of the counties. We should see to it that we vote for men for the Legislature who will favor dry laws only, and give us a chance to vote on the question of liquor.

P. M. DEAL.

At this time Rev. M. A. Adams also discussed Temperance. An offering of $7.70 was taken for the State Field Worker on Temperance.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. M. A. Adams, after which the following committees were appointed by the Moderator: Committee on Time, Place and Speaker, L. H. Bumgardner, Addison Berry and J. R. Carswell. Program Committee, J. R. Huffman, P. M. Deal and R. C. White.

The Association adjourned for lunch

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON

Devotion by Rev. B. B. Brooks, followed by report on State Missions by Rev. Seth Ivester. Report adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

Our State Mission program is being enlarged. We are being called on from every side for help. We have 83 missionary pastors serving 161 churches. Revivals last year were 211; conversions 2,123; baptisms 1,175. Jesus was a missionary. If we would be true disciples of His, we must be missionary in action as well as belief. Let us therefore give of our money, our time, and pray that we will do more for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. SETH IVESTER.

Report on Home Missions, by Rev. B. H. Parker, was next in order. The report was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is giving itself to the task of giving the Gospel of Christ to every creature possible. The past year has been one of glorious achievement. There has been 9,000 confessing Christ; 4,672 received into fellowship with the church. We have received $544,289.04 from all sources. Seeing that there is a great need and knowing the command of God, let us therefore give our loyal support to Home Missions.

B. H. PARKER.

Report on Foreign Missions was by Rev. B. B. Brooks. Adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board has 456 missionaries, 2,900 native workers in 16 nations. There are 1,883 churches of which 1,180 are self-supporting. Total membership of these churches is 236,-265. There have been 18,606 new members by baptism. The indebtedness of the Board has been decreased the past year, and it is believed they will be out of debt by 1945. This work depends on us as Christians to help carry the Gospel to the world. Let us give and keep on giving our loyal support.

B. B. BROOKS.

At this time committee on Time and Place and Preacher reported, naming Bethany for the next session in 1941, and Rev. Seth Ivester as the preacher. Rev. M. A. Huffman was named alternate.

The report on Sunday Schools was by Rev. E. L. McDaniel. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The duty of the Sunday School is to teach God's Word to the rising generation as well as to adults. Jesus, the Great Teacher, said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Teaching them to observe all things. Whatsoever I have commanded you." In presenting this report we urge every church to make a renewed effort to have a larger and better Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McDANIEL.

At this time officers to serve the coming year were elected as follows:

Moderator—S. A. Carswell.

Vice-Moderator—J. W. Costner.

W. M. U. Director—Mrs. T. B. Hull.
B. T. U. Director—McCoy Johnson.
Clerk—R. E. Rich.
Treasurer—Miss Lillian Proctor.

A committee was appointed to re-arrange the Executive Committee.

Next in order was report of B.T.U. by McCoy Johnson. Adopted.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The aim of the B.T.U. is training in church membership. We are happy to report that progress has been made the past year, but we are not satisfied with our past record. We are calling upon every pastor, every church. and every Christian to join hands with us and let's do more to train our young people that they might be able to carry on the Kingdom work.

Respectfully submitted,
D. McCOY JOHNSON.

The report on Baptist Schools, by Rev. J. R. Cantrell, was adopted.

BAPTIST SCHOOLS

There must be a reaffirmation of the historic integrity, value, and vision and a greater revelation of the truth founded upon the incarnation of Jesus, His death, resurrection, and of His living Lordship.

It is more difficult for a college to be Christian today than in any past period of time. If a college is to be Christian, it must have Christian leaders, teachers, Christian ideals and a definite Christian purpose. The world is prepared to pay high premiums for colleges that are really Christian. Let us resolve to make and keep our schools clean and wholesome and Christian home-like.

J. R. CANTRELL.

The Association adjourned until 9:45 A. M. the second day. Dismissed by Rev. B. B. Brooks.

SECOND DAY FORENOON

Devotion by L. R. Whittaker.

Visitors recognized were Mrs E. G. Spurling and S. L Pruett ,of Kings Mountain Association; M. A. Huggins of Raleigh. and Rev. W. C. Laney of South Fork Association

E. L. McDaniel gave the report on Old Ministers' Relief, which was adopted.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

Our board continually faces the task laid upon it by the Southern Baptist Convention to shelter, clothe and feed our older brethren who have become too feeble to continue preaching. The Relief and Annuity Board has just completed its 22nd year. This board should have our serious attention. They have paid out $3,235,150.42 in the past twenty years. Let's give to its support in the future more than we have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McDaniel.

The report of Baptist Hospital was by M. A. Huffman and was adopted.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital is sixteen years old. During this time 47,000 patients have been treated. 19,000 were too poor to pay. 14,000 mothers went back home to 42,000 children. Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College and the Baptist Hospital 10 acres of ground and new buildings will take care of eight thousand patients each year. Everything will work toward one end—that is, caring for the sick and needy.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. M. A. HUFFMAN.

The Association adjourned for lunch.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Devotion by Rev. E. L. Towery.

Report of State of Churches was next in order.

A one-minute report from each church was heard. All gave splendid reports.

At this time a committee of respect was appointed by the chair, to-wit:

We, the members of the South Mountain Association, desire to express our sincere thanks to St. Paul and their pastor for every service rendered to us during our visit with them.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. M. CHRONISTOR,
MRS. T. B. HULL,
Committee.

Obituary Report

OUR DEAD

PISGAH—
Mrs. D. A. Costner

PLEASANT GROVE—
Mr.Filo Chapman
Mrs. Ella Pruett

SHOUP'S GROVE—
Mrs. Mat Hildebran
Mrs. Dock Berry
Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Burns
Mr. P. E. Taylor

ST. PAUL—
Mrs. Nancy Davis
Mr. Frank Garver
Miss Lizzie Costner

WALKER'S CHAPEL—
Mr. Logan Huffman
Mr. Claude Huffman
Mr. Calvin Cook

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. WHITE, Committee.
JULIUS EARLS,

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AND ADOPTED

1. Be it resolved: that the South Mountain Baptist Association recommend that each church strive to enter into a real spiritual old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival meeting this year; to rekindle, renew, and revive the spirit of Christ in all of our churches.

2. We recommend that each of our churches have a Daily Bible School, a B.T.U. Study Course and a Sunday School Study Course sometime during the coming summer of 1941.

3. We recommend that each church send the Cooperative Mission money the first of each month regardless of how small or how large.

4. We recommend that each church elect a Biblical Recorder representative in their church.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH IVESTER,
J. B. EPPS,

Resolutions adopted.

Due to the fact most of our messengers only attend the first day and do not return second day,

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1. Be it resolved that the South Mountain Baptist Association ask each church to send delegates who can and will attend the full session.

2. Be it resolved that we, the South Mountain Baptist Association, ask each church to send $4.00 or more to care for the printing of Minutes and mailing, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. CARSWELL, Moderator.
J. W. COSTNER, Vice-Moderator.
R. E. RICH, Clerk.

Resolutions adopted.

CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1939

Printing of Minutes	$35.00
Mailing and other costs	5.00
Clerk's fee	11.00
Total	$51.00

The Association adjourned to meet with Bethany Baptist Church at Hildebran, N. C., 5 miles west of Hickory, N. C., on Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1941, at 10 a. m.

S. A. CARSWELL, Moderator.

R. E. RICH, Clerk.

Constitution

1. This Association shall be called THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. The grand object of this Association shall be the glory of God.

2. This Association shall exercise no legislative powers, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

4. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches and recommended by letter from their respective church. Each church being entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 25 members above 50.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot. Their duties shall be those performed by same officers in like organizations.

7. Newly constituted churches may be received into the Association upon satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy and churches from sister Associations upon letters of dismissal from the body to which they formerly belonged.

8. Each ordained minister of the Association and all pastors of churches in this Association shall be ex-officio members.

9. The committees of this Association shall be as follows: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Biblical Recorder, Temperance, Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Work, together with such additional special committees as may be necessary.

10. The Association shall elect annually twenty members who shall constitute an Executive Committee, one member from each church, of which the Moderator shall be an ex-officio chairman and the Clerk shall be an ex-officio clerk.

11. This constitution may be amended at session of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rules Of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, Etc., South Mountain Baptist Association, For Year Ending October 1, 1940

CHURCHES	Is It in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Members Reported Last Year	Gains				Losses				Tot.				
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members				
1—Abee's Grove	Country	1886	Ottis Cook, Casar, N. C.	1&3	105	2	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	113	yes	1	0	0
2—Bethany	Village	1893	E. M. Walker, Hildebran, N. C.	2&4	239	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	335	yes	1	0	0
3—Beulah	Country	1905	J. O. Mull, Vale, N. C.	1st	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	yes	1	0	0
4—Connelly Springs	Village	1899	E. M. Walker, Hildebran, N. C.	1&3	163	7	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	175	yes	2	2	2
5—Corinth	Country	1884	L. R. Whittaker, Shelby, N. C.	3rd	98	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	no	1	0	0
6—Carswell Memorial	Country	1938	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro, N. C.	2&4	25	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	yes	1	2	0
7—Icard	Village	1918	A. A. Lockee, Icard, N. C.	1&3	134	27	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	175	no	1	1	12
8—Mt. Zion	Country	1848	E. L. M'Daniel, Mooresboro, N.C.	1&3	206	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	206	yes	2	1	0
9—Mt. Vernon	Country	1824	J. R. Cantrell, Boiling Sps., N. C.	2&4	194	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	198	no	1	4	1
10—Mt. Gilead	Country	1821	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro, N. C.	1&3	147	No report												
11—Mull Chapel	Country	1872	B. H. Parker, Bostic, N. C.	2&4	89	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	84	no	1	3	0
12—Mt. Hebron	Country	1829	J. O. Summerlin, Morganton	1&3	124	2	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	127	yes	1	1	6
13—Olive Grove	Country	1884	E. L. M'Daniel, Mooresboro, N.C.	4th	150	8	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	156	no	1	1	0
14—Pisgah	Country	1840	J. W. Costner, Lawndale, N. C.	1&3	129	10	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	140	no	1	4	4
15—Pleasant Grove	Country	1876	Dewey Newton, Vale, N. C.	2&4	97	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	95	yes	2	2	0
16—St. John's	Country	1842	R. E. Rich, Connelly Spr'gs, N. C.	1&3	151	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	148	no	1	2	1
17—Shoup's Grove	Country	1892	Ottis Cook, Casar, N. C.	2&4	126	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	5	139	yes	1	1	0
18—St. Paul	Country	1869	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	2nd	333	6	7	0	0	1	0	0	3	343	no	1	3	0
19—Smart's Grove	Country	1935	Dewey Newton, Vale, N. C., R-2	2&4	50	9	6	0	0	1	6	0	0	58	yes	1	1	0
20—South Fork	Country	1937	H. L. Phillips, Morganton, R-3	1&4	48	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	45	no	1	1	0
21—Walker's Chapel	Country	1915	Dewey Newton, Vale, N. C.	1&3	141	10	2	0	0	2	0	0	3	148	yes	1	3	0
22—Zion Hill	Country	1875	Ottis Cook, Casar, N. C.	2&4	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	yes	2	2	1
23—Zoar	Country	1880	Seth Ivester, Lawndale, N. C.	2&4	186	18	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	197	no	1	2	5
24—Wilkie's Grove	Country	1937	A. A. Lockee, Icard, N. C.	2nd	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	no	1	3	0
			Totals -	-	3248	141	52	7	2	40	7	0	14	3134		27	39	32

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Next Annual Meeting Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1941, at Bethany Church, Hildebran, N. C.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Of South Mountain Baptist Association, State of North Carolina, Year Ending October 1, 1940

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATI				Vac. Bib. Sch.			
		Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Extension Department	General and Departmental Officers	Total Enrollment Main School, Missions, including Officers, Teachers, Pupils	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Saptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Diplomas	Enrollment Vacation School	Average Attendance Vac. Sc.	Number of Departments Vacation School
1—Abee's Grove	F. A. Lowman, R-1, Con. Springs	10	24	4	32	18	45	33	3	11	180	100	2	yes	no	0	0	0	0
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran	0	20	15	32	42	42	65	0	4	217	140	4	no	no	7	70	50	0
3—Beulah	W. A. Rhoney, Hickory	6	8	8	19	16	9	17	0	9	83	50	0	no	no	0	0	0	0
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs	12	18	16	22	23	21	51	8	15	173	93	6	yes	yes	0	50	45	15
5—Corinth	C. S. Botts, Casar	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	0	5	40	30	2	no	no	0	0	0	0
6—Carswell Memorial	Con. Poteat, R-4, Morganton	3	12	0	15	0	15	10	0	5	55	40	4	no	no	0	0	0	0
7—Icard	W. M. Abee, Icard	11	18	21	29	45	41	90	0	3	258	150	25	yes	no	5	0	0	0
8—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsey, Casar	0	15	10	15	15	25	30	0	10	120	66	4	yes	no	0	0	0	0
9—Mt. Vernon	T. B. Hull, R-2, Vale	6	6	18	29	35	35	45	0	4	178	102	5	yes	no	4	0	0	0
10—Mt. Gilead		No Report																	
11—Mull Chapel	H. D. Rhoney, R-3, Hickory	No Report																	
12—Mt. Hebron	R. L. Bradshaw, R-1, Con. Spgs.	No Report																	
13—Olive Grove	Zula Wortman, Casar	0	12	0	7	17	12	15	0	7	71	60	7	yes	no	0	0	0	0
14—Pisgah	N. W. Pruett, Casar	20	9	7	17	13	15	26	0	9	116	65	10	yes	no	0	0	0	0
15—Pleasant Grove	L. S. Denton, R-4, Morganton	0	12	0	14	0	27	15	0	5	68	45	0	no	no	0	0	0	0
16—St. John's	Betty Hildebran, Connelly Spgs.	0	10	5	10	10	10	8	0	7	70	50	0	no	no	0	0	0	0
17—Shoup's Grove	Lee Childers, R-1, Connellyy Spg.	7	22	21	23	23	21	22	25	18	182	140	15	no	no	0	0	0	0
18—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood	22	13	14	27	36	32	56	1	6	201	106	6	yes	no	6	0	0	0
19—Smart's Grove	John Smart, Connelly Springs	0	14	11	10	0	15	30	0	7	87	70	0	no	no	0	0	0	0
20—South Fork	Ed Justice, Hickory, R-1	6	5	5	13	11	7	17	1	8	105	60	0	yes	no	0	0	0	0
21—Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, Morganton	0	21	7	23	31	29	38	2	11	151	60	9	yes	no	0	0	0	0
22—Zion Hill	Will Burns, Hickory	0	8	8	10	10	15	15	0	6	85	66	0	yes	no	0	0	0	0
23—Zoar	W. M. Hudson, Connelly Springs	6	10	20	27	23	22	48	0	9	156	93	0	yes	no	0	0	0	0
24—Wilkie's Grove	L. H. Bumgarner, Casar	No Report																	
No Mission School in Association.	Totals -	114	263	195	384	383	447	636	40	156	2496	1596	99			22	120	95	15

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TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY of South Mountain Baptist Association—Year Ending October 1, 1940

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1—Abee's Grove	Edward Lowman, Valdese	Yes	1886	Wood	350	9	7	7	$ 2,000	$ 2,000		$ 1,000
2—Bethany	M. P. Bridges, Hildebran	Yes	1925	Brick	500	9	7	7	6,000	6,000		2,000
3—Beulah	J. L. Rhoney, Hickory	Yes	1905	Wood	450	1			1,000	2,500		300
4—Connelly Springs	Guy Smith, Connelly Springs	Yes	1899	B. V.	500	5	1	8	4,000	5,000		2,000
5—Corinth	H. G. McNeilly, Casar	Yes	1884	Wood	300	5			850	850		
6—Carswell Memorial	Beulah Carswell, Morganton	Yes	1939	Brick	500	1			2,000	2,000		
7—Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	Yes	1938	Brick	250	6	6	9	7,000	7,500	1,400	2,000
8—Mt. Zion	J. R. Price, Casar, R 1	Yes	1935	B. V.	500	1			2,000	2,000		
9—Mt. Vernon	Lucille Upton, Vale, R-2	Yes	1924	B. V.	700	13	2	2	5,500	5,500	108 00	
10—Mt. Gilead	S. A. McNeilly, Casar	Yes	1820	Wood	400	1			1,000	1,200		
11—Mull Chapel	Mrs. L. Mull, Con. Springs, R-1	Yes	1923	B. V.	450	6		9	9,000	9,000		
12—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. L. Lagle, Connelly Spgs, R-1	Yes	1929	Brick	300	1	6	6	4,050	4,500		
13—Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, Belwood, R-1	Yes	1926	Wood	500	1		5	2,000	2,100		
14—Pisgah	Annie Costner, Casar, R-1	Yes	1933	Brick	500	9		9	6,000	6,000		
15—Pleasant Grove	J. S. Denton, Morganton, R-1	Yes	1896	Wood	400	1			1,000	1,000		
16—St. John's	Clyde McClurd, Valdese	Yes	1842	Wood	400	1			2,000	2,000		1,200
17—Shoup's Grove	Henry Brittain, Icard	Yes	1892	Wood	700	12		10	1,500			1,000
18—St. Paul	J. W. Rich, Belwood, R-1	Yes	1929	Wood	300	1	12	12	2,800	2,800		
19—Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, Connelly Spgs., R-1	Yes	1935	Wood	200	7			500	500		
20—South Fork	Mrs. G. G. Hudson, Hickory	Yes	1937	Wood	300	1	6	6	2,000	2,176		1,500
21—Walker's Chapel	Filo Huffman, Morganton, R-4	Yes	1915	Wood	400	1			1,400	1,400		
22—Zion Hill	J. Fortenberry, Hickory, R-1	Yes	1893	Wood	600	9		9	2,000	2,000		
23—Zoar	W. M. Hudson, Con. Springs, R-1	Yes	1880	Wood	400	1	1		2,000	2,000		1,500
24—Wilkie's Grove	L. H. Bumgarner, Lawndale	Yes	1937	Wood	20	1			800	800		
				Totals	9600	103	106	48	$68,500	$68,376	$1,580	$12,500

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TABLE IV—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK of South Mountain Baptist Association, Year Ending October 1, 1940

CHURCHES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK										
	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday Schools, B.Y.P.U and W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations
1—Abee's Grove	200.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 38.00		$ 54.00	$ 36.34	$ 30.00	$ 3.00	$ 24.00	$ 236.04
2—Bethany	630.00		50.00	184.00		65.50	137.00	20.00	4.00	24.00	27.42
3—Beulah	87.00		26.00	47.00		9.00	25.00				194.00
4—Connelly Springs	600.00		128.00			115.00	169.00	15.00	4.00	24.00	$1,242.52
5—Corinth	75.00			20.00			15.00		2.00	43.00	153.00
6—Carswell Memorial	228.00		10.00	971.00			15.00	29.00	1.00	52.00	1,315
7—Icard	550.00	55.00	60.00	68.00	924.00	61.00	100.00	25.00	3.00	35.00	1,881.00
8—Mt. Zion	117.00		27.15	78.00		18.00		26.43	2.00		267.43
9—Mt. Vernon	400.00	5.00	30.00		110.00	40.26	68.50		3.50	12.43	669.69
10—Mt. Gilead	No Report										
11—Mull Chapel	139.50		12.00	78.21		3.00	29.01				261.80
12—Mt. Hebron	326.98	20.85	37.85	29.75		65.85	62.42	17.37	2.50	25.19	587.66
13—Olive Grove	112.94		38.26	30.00		22.38	24.60	12.56	3.20	3.24	247.26
14—Pisgah	290.00		59.28	391.13		50.72	52.56	5.60	2.00	18.15	869.44
15—Pleasant Grove	114.37		19.16				17.14		3.67		151.36
16—St. John's	127.37		6.43			12.46	26.63		4.00		166.89
17—Shoup's Grove	240.29		48.15	118.85		35.25	38.80	10.48	2.00	31.75	525.57
18—St. Paul	160.80	11.56	14.03	28.87		42.70	85.43	8.00	4.00	26.04	377.43
19—Smart's Grove	97.86	6.82	15.75		83.00	6.00	13.00		.81		220.33
20—South Fork	166.05					22.37	25.00		.90		
21—Walker's Chapel	259.83	15.00	10.00				24.50	27.00	2.40		336 33
22—Zion Hill	208.52		18.75			10.04	0.39		2.00		289.70
23—Zoar	120.00		30.00				14.00	15.00	1.00		180.00
24—Wilkie's Grove	248.40	20.00	135.00	135.00		50.00	24.00		3.00		232.62
Totals -	$5,551.81	$196.23	$825.81	$1,256.50	$1,117.11	$684.03	$330 50	$231.38	$52.98	$318.81	$13,159.67

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TABLE V—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES—South Mountain Baptist Association, Year Ending October 1, 1940

CHURCHES	REGULAR TRTASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Specials to Schools and Colleges	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	(Missions, Etc.) Total Given for Missions and Benevolences by the Church and All Departments	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Local Work and Missions—Given by Church and All its Organizations
1—Abee's Grove	Vadie Lowman, Valdese	$ 10.00					$ 20.00	$ 12.00		$ 42.00	$ 978.00
2—Bethany	J. C. Abernethy, Hildebran		96.00				72.00			168.00	3,108.73
3—Beulah	Marvin Mull, Vale										
4—Connelly Springs	Versie Bridges, Connelly Springs		149.90				15.64	20.94		186.48	1,429.00
5—Corinth	G. S. Botts, Casar										155.20
6—Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Con Poteat, Morganton						5.00	2.00		7.00	1,315.15
7—Icard	Julia Carswell, Icard				25.00		12.00	31.00		83.20	1,964.20
8—Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar	12.00					12.00			24.00	291.43
9—Mt. Vernon	A. C. Leatherman, Vale, R-2	26.71	2.41	3.79	3.90	16.00	2.50			55.31	725.00
10—Mt. Gilead	W. T. Chapman, Connelly Springs										
11—Mull Chapel	W. L. Rhoney, Vale										261.80
12—Mt. Hebron	Mrs. E. E. Stroupe, Connelly Sp gs	123.00	37.00	36.00	50.00	20.00	50.00	5.00		198.00	785.66
13—Olive Grove	B. Scissim, Belwood							9.34		9.34	256.60
14—Pisgah	Caleb Costner, Casar	10.00				1.13	8.63	5.00		14.76	894.24
15—Pleasant Grove	J. L. Denton, Morganton						3.07			3.07	151.36
16—St. John's	Hughes Huffman, Con. Spg., R-1		2.27		1.10	1.00		1.71		6.08	172.98
17—Shoup's Grove	Addison Berry, Con. Springs, R-2						9.30			9.30	534.87
18—St. Paul	R. C. White, Belwood, R. F. D.	41.00				5.46	16.31			62.77	440.02
19—Smart's Grove	M. M. Smart, Connelly Springs							3.00		3.00	225.33
20—South Fork	Geo. Heavner, Hildebran	15.00								15.00	307.05
21—Walker's Chapel	Filo Huffman, Morganton, R-4						2.96		5.00	7.96	344.29
22—Zion Hill	J. L. Hudson, Hickory, R 1		2.42				6.09	5.25	47.71	64.47	544.99
23—Zoar	Martha Hudson, Con. Spgs. R 1	22.86					.75	6.20	52.26	83.07	372.77
24—Wilkie's Grove	L. H. Bumgardner, Lawndale						6.00	4.80		10.80	190.80
	Totals - -	$259.57	$290.00	$39.79	$80.00	$43.59	$241.15	$205.11	$104.97	$1,055.61	$19,379.47

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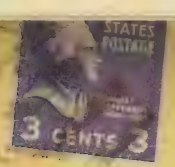

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